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FOREWORD

A significant if not spectacular episode of Colonel Henry Bouquet's career was his expedition to Presque Isle during the summer of 1760, the year covered by Series 21645 of his Papers. This incoming correspondence, consisting of letters received from various persons, does not reveal many details of this military movement. In fact, many of the writers seem unaware of Bouquet's absence from Fort Pitt, from July through October.

The British plans for the establishment of posts in northwestern Pennsylvania on the sites of the former French posts gradually took shape in the spring of 1760. The need for reinforcing Fort Niagara by troops from Fort Pitt emphasized the necessity of establishing a firm control of the Venango Trail, an essential part of the line of communications between these two major forts. Small detachments of British soldiers had already travelled this road in the fall of 1759, for the French had abandoned and burned their forts in August. Bouquet, however, was the first to lead a large British force into northwestern Pennsylvania, and the first to establish permanent British posts in that area.

The diligent preparations throughout the spring of 1760 are revealed in many of the letters which Bouquet received. Finally, on July 6, Brigadier General Monckton, commanding at Fort Pitt, ordered Colonel Bouquet to lead a force of five hundred men to Presque Isle, where Major Gladwin from Fort Niagara would meet him. Four hundred men of Bouquet's detachment were to be sent to relieve Fort Niagara, while a detachment of Pennsylvanians under Colonel Hugh Mercer would follow him from Fort Pitt a few days later. This complex plan was executed faultlessly, despite all the hindrances of wilderness communication. When Bouquet arrived at Presque Isle on July 17, he found Gladwin had already prepared some protective fortifications. Mercer arrived the next day, and with the departure of the Niagara detachment, the movement was completed.

Under the direction of Colonel Bouquet, the new British Fort Presque Isle was speedily erected, and later in the summer a smaller post was built at Le Boeuf, where the French fort visited by Washington had stood. Another detachment under Major Robert Stewart reached Venango in August, and began to build Fort Venango, not far from the site of Fort Machault. While Bouquet was in command at Fort Presque Isle, and after his return to Fort Pitt late in autumn, many letters came to him from the other commanding officers, letters which are of great interest today because they provide a picture of life in the wilderness posts.

[illegible] successful independent command did not fail to raise Bouquet's [illegible] high reputation in army circles. The establishment of [illegible] rule in the upper Allegheny region and on Lake Erie was a major accomplishment. That control was to be broken three years later by Pontiac's War, but Bouquet's victory at Bushy Run in 176[illegible] and his successful invasion of the Muskingum country in 1764 reestablished this control, even though the posts destroyed by the Indians were not rebuilt.

Series 21645 of the PAPERS OF COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET contains letters from officers and friends during 1760. Bouquet's outgoing correspondence for this year is in Series 21652.

The manuscript collection of the Bouquet Correspondence forms thirty series of the British Museum's Additional Manuscripts classification. After Bouquet's death, his papers came into the possession of Frederick Haldimand, his friend and executor, and were given by Haldimand's heirs to the British Museum, together with Haldimand's own papers. For this reason the Bouquet Papers are sometimes listed as part of the Haldimand Collection.

The relation between the various series of the PAPERS OF COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET is shown by their contents. Bouquet's letter books for 1757 and 1758, covering his service in South Carolina, form Series 21631 and 21632; and his military accounts for South Carolina are in Series 21633. Series 21634 is his correspondence with Sir Jeffery Amherst. Bouquet's correspondence with General Thomas Gage is in Series 21636 and 21637. Series 21638 is composed of correspondence with Generals Stanwix, Gage, Monckton, and others, from 1759 to 1765. Series 21639 is his correspondence with Sir John St. Clair and Captain James Sinclair from 1756 to 1763; Series 21640 has his correspondence with the Earl of Loudoun and Brigadier General Forbes; and Series 21641 contains his correspondence with Colonel George Washington in 1758. The correspondence of Captain Lewis Curry is in Series 21642.

In Series 21643 to 21651 are letters to Colonel Bouquet from various persons, his general incoming correspondence from 1755 to 1765. His general outgoing correspondence is in Series 21652 and 21653. There are miscellaneous accounts and returns in Series 21654, and papers relating to Indian affairs in Series 21655. Series 21656 has public orders issued by Amherst and Bouquet, and Series 21657 has general and regimental orders. Series 21658 is miscellaneous papers; and Series 21660, an inventory of Bouquet's belongings made after his death.

Photostatic copies of the Bouquet Papers, lent by the Library of Congress, were carefully copied and checked. The handwritten copy was typed, and the typewritten copy rechecked against the original. Finally, before any mimeographing was done, the handwritten copy and the typed copy were carefully compared, and any variation or doubtful reading rechecked against the original photostats. It is hoped that this repeated checking will have reduced the number of errors to a minimum.

Great care has been taken to make a faithful reproduction of the original, bearing in mind the limitations of typewritten copies of manuscript material. For example, it is not possible to show, in typed versions of drafts for letters, all the insertions between the lines and in the margins; they must be rearranged and organized in uniform lines. However, when words have been crossed out or changed in the original, a line is drawn through these words in the typed version; it is thus possible to see both the original and the revised version of the letters. Occasionally, the omission of a paragraph is indicated by one or two diagonal lines, as it was on the original.

The capitalization, spelling, grammar, and punctuation are the same as in the original, so far as is humanly possible. When illegible or almost illegible words could be determined with some degree of certainty, they are included in brackets. When there was some doubt, a question mark follows. When a word or words must be entirely omitted because of illegibility, this is shown by a line of dots in brackets, or by an explanation in brackets. No attempt has been made to indicate misspelled words or grammatical errors by the use of sic; they are too numerous. When there was doubt whether a punctuation mark was actually a comma or period, colon or semicolon, dash or period, the most likely one was chosen.

The description of the letters as autograph letters, drafts, etc., is intended more as a tentative suggestion than as a final determination of their character. Exhaustive research and a scientific study of the handwriting would undoubtedly result in some changes. In all cases, they are the obvious descriptions, made conservatively.

The names of the senders and recipients of letters have been bracketed in the headings when there was any doubt as to their identification. Dates missing in the headings of letters have been supplied in brackets, when they could be determined. The dates in parentheses at the top of the pages are intended as a help in using the volume.

The index covers only proper names, the references to persons and places. References to Bouquet are indexed only when they appear in the body of a letter. The table of contents makes it possible to locate the page number of a letter by title, date, or folio number. The chronological arrangement is that followed in the original collection.

This, like the preceding volumes, is a product of a Work Projects Administration project sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission. The Frontier Forts and Trails Survey, the Erie project which began the work on the Bouquet material, has merged with the Historical Records Survey to form the Pennsylvania Historical Survey. This statewide project is under the efficient direction of J. Knox Milligan, State Supervisor, while Leo A. Madlehner as Assistant State Supervisor is immediately in charge of the transcription work. The cooperation of Mr. Guy C. Cleaver, District Manager, and Mrs. Milla M. Smart, District Director of the Community Service Division, in administering this work in the northwestern Pennsylvania area, is cordially acknowledged.

As for the Historical Commission's share in this undertaking, general technical supervision of all research work is under the State Historian, Sylvester K. Stevens, and his has been the final word of authority on all matters connected with research and publication. In this supervision, he is aided by Donald H. Kent, Assistant State Historian, whose earlier experience as project historian qualifies him to understand the problems and potentialities of this type of work.

On the project, Mrs. Autumn Leonard has been immediately responsible for the checking and preparation of this volume. To her and to the other project workers who assisted in executing this task, our thanks are due for their careful and painstaking work.

ROSS PIER WRIGHT
Chairman
Pennsylvania Historical Commission

TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS

Add. MSS.	Additional Manuscripts.
A. C.	Autograph Copy.
A. C. S.	Autograph Copy Signed.
A. D.	Autograph Document.
A. D. S.	Autograph Document Signed.
A. Df.	Autograph Draft.
A. Df. S.	Autograph Draft Signed.
A. L. S.	Autograph Letter Signed.
A. N.	Autograph Note.
A. N. S.	Autograph Note Signed.
B. M.	British Museum.
C.	Copy.
C. S.	Copy Signed.
D.	Document.
D. S.	Document Signed.
Df.	Draft.
Df. S.	Draft Signed.
f.	folio.
L. S.	Letter Signed.
N.	Note.
N. S.	Note Signed.
P. A. C.	Public Archives of Canada.
trans.	transcript.

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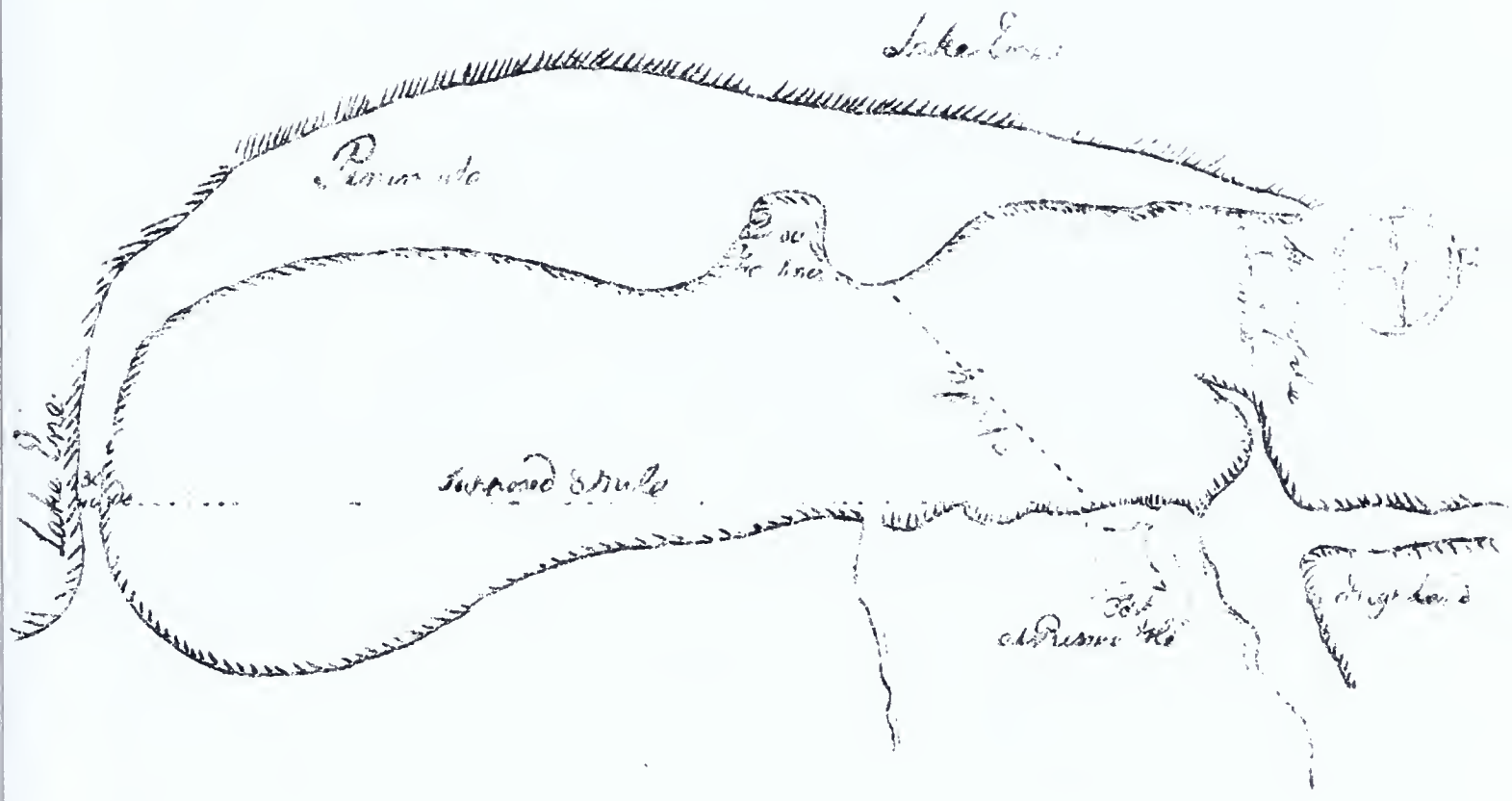

In a letter to General Robert Monckton, written from Presque Isle on July 18, 1760, Colonel Henry Bouquet mentions this diagram: "I inclose you a scrawl of the situation of this Post as it appears to the Eye, but without any Proportion."

[Mass. Hist. Soc. Colls., 4th Series, IX, 271-274]

(January 2, 1760)

CONRAD WEISER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 3, A. L. S.]

[Reading, Jan. 2, 1760.]

Honoured Sir

I heartely Congratulate you on your Safe return from pitsburg, of which I have ben Informed by Mr Kern, I would have Come to lancester to wait on you, but being troubled with a Cold at present which prevents me. but If your Honour Stays Some days in lancester I will take a ride over I Should be glad If yourself would Setle with Mr Keemer about his Waggen master Ship. he made three trips to the army last Sumer and Expects pay from the first day of his entring into the Service till the last, he Came home, which I did not Care to take upon me to alow. tho I must own that dureing the times he was at home he was of great Service in geting the waggons together and went once with a Brigad to philadelphia. I must therefore recomend him to you to have his accounts alowed. I am at a lost about Some Certificates Signed at fort loudon litleton, Juniady by Some Officers, I dont Know to wit Daniel Clark. David Rogers. Willm Blyth. Hamilton. I have refusd pay till I hear from you what to do. Mr Keemer is Concerned therein If you please to Send me Instruction by him. Kind Sir Excuse my Scralls my right hand is in Cold weather very lame. I Conclude with wishing a happy new year who am

Honoured Sir
your very obedient & most hbl Servant

CONRAD WEISER

Reading January the Second. 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Conrad Weiser Esqr Jany 2d 1760

[Addressed] To The Honourable Henry Bouquet Esquire Colonel of the Royal American Regiment
pr James Kemer Esquire Lancaster

(January 7, 1760)

CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE: LIST OF RECRUITS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 5, A. D. S.]

Captain Cochran's Recruits January 7th 1760	Aged	hight	
	years	feet	Inches
Benjamin Gray	18	5	3
William Garland	25	5	4 3/4
John Ward	19	5	6 1/4
Allen Stewart	23	5	7
John Clark	17	5	5 1/4
John Green	20	5	7 1/4
James Harrod	16	5	2 1/2
William Jones	30	5	4 1/2
Henry Wright	20	5	11
Edward Humphill	38	5	7
John Erskin	36	5	6

GAVIN COCHRANE

[Endorsed] Captain Cochran's Recruits Lancaster January 7th 1760

(January 8, 1760)

LIEUT. DE BELESTRE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 1, A. L. S.]

a Betfort Le 8e Janvier 1760

Monsieur

Malgré son infortune Je Ne puis que Vous remercier des attentions que Vous avies Eue Pour Moy Lors ce que jay Passeé che

(January 8, 1760)

Vous Je Vous En fait Mes remerciment; Sy Ce Netoit Les Grand froy donc Nous Sommes obligé de suivre Notre routte Ceroit Suportablee Je me flattes qua Votre recomandation En Vena Votre Général Jouray Certenement permitions daler Renger mes affaire Vous priant destre Persuadeé des Centiments avéc lequel Jay L'honneur destre.

Monsieur
Votre très humble Et très obeisent Serviteur

PIQUOTE DE BELESTRE

Mes Compliment Sil Vous play a tous Vos Messieurs

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lettre de M.r Belestre
Bedford 8.th Janv.r 1760.

[TRANSLATION]

Bedford, Jan. 8, 1760.

Sir

In spite of my misfortune, I can only thank you for the consideration you showed me when I left your home. I send you my thanks: If it were not for the extreme cold we are obliged to undergo, our trip would be endurable. I believe that on your recommendation your General would certainly give me permission to go to arrange my affairs. Begging you to be convinced of my sincere regards, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant,

PIQUOTE DE BELESTRE

My compliments if you please to all your gentlemen.

(January 9, 1760)

LIEUT. JAMES DOW TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 7, A. L. S.]

Pitsburgh 9th Janry 1760

Dr Collonel

I shall send you the Returns, And I have wrote to Norton for some more a little more Forrage, we use about Twentie Bushels of Forrage a day. we have Four tames constantly Imployed which is allowed Two Bushels each Tame p day. Two Horses at the Saw miln is allowed One Bushel. The generals eight Horses his has just Two Bushels a day which in all is Nineteen. The Hogs gets about a Bushel. I am with all due respect

Dr Collonel
Your much obliged and most obe: & most Hum: Servt

JAMES DOW

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut. Dow Jany 9th 1760

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MAJOR JAMES LIVINGSTON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 9, A. L. S.]

Fort Cumberland Janaury 9th 1760

Sir

I maveing this Oppertunity to Accquant you that on My Marr to this Fort the 24th Ult. I met Near Colo Crissaps Mr Graham

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Goeing to Crissaps to hold His Christmas. I asked him if he had Seen Any Pack Horses Goeing upwards (with Liq.rs he Told me he had & Gave the Serjeant Orders to Stop them. I desired the said Graham to Return & see the Horses Loaded His Answer was, the Serjeant had Orders to Load them. When I Arrived I Enquired if Such a Brigade had Pass'd the Fort was told they Had not. Upon which I sent Out a Party & Found them five Miles below this, Encamped in the Woods Who Brought them to this Fort with Eighteen Horses, Two of which was Unfit to Go Out, Where I loaded them with 1,635 lb. of Salt As Appeared by their Receipts from Fort Burd the 9th Inst.

This Day Capt. Moore Seets off with his Brigade of the Kings Pack Horses Consisting of Forty Horses, & Carrys As Near as Can be Conjecherd 6,000 lb. of Grahams Salt Cumputed to 100 Bushells at Sixty Pounds p Bushell. By Computation the Quantity the first Brigade Carried was 27¼ Bushells Total of Salt Carried forward is 127¼ Bushells Remaining in Store Forty four Baggs Suppos'd to Contain four Bushells in Each Bagg Makeing in the Whole 176 Bushells

The Quatity of Forrage Recd. Out of the Kings Store for the Use of the Two Brigades of Pack horses Carrying of Grahams Salt is thirty Seven Bushells of Corn, and Ninty Bushells of Oats, with 1,300 lb. of Hay for said Horses they Also Drue One Hundred & thirty four Rations of Provisions for the Horse Drivers

This I send you in Case Graham Wants To Settle with you before all his Salt is sent forward As I Dont Expect there Can be Any More Sent Out till the beginning of March

I am Sir
Your Most Obdt Sert

JAMS LIVINGSTON

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Livingston Jany 9th 1760

(January 11, 1760)

JAMES MORTON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 10, A. L. S.]

Ligonier Jan:ry 11th 1760

Hon:ble Sr/

I Rec:d y:rs Dated Lancaster the 5th Wherein you are Pleased to mention y:t Vessels might Be Sunk for Salting of meat, But I Have as yet Provided Barrels for what you See in the Return, By the Cooper Here & the Help of two Wheelers to Assist Him in getting & Preparing the Stuff, I Likewise got from the Suttlers all the Rum Barrels I Cou'd, & Has a Quantity of Stuff Prepared Shou'd any more Be Slaughtered at this Place And Except it Be Large Hopes I'll procure Barrels for as they are all Saved when the Provisions are Served out so thinks it much Better than Any other method.

I think By what Horses I Have y:t I Can Send to Pittsburg ab:t 800 lb w:t of flour w:ch will Lessen the Store greatly & as there is so Large a Quantity at Stony Creek Cou'd 40 Horses Be got & Sent with Forrage there, By two Trips from thence they wou'd give this place a great Supply and the Forrage they Brought wou'd Serve them while doing y:t Service without Diminishing our Store Here.

Sr: tomorrow Setts of to Pittsburg 5 Waggons with 25 Barrels flour w:ch is not Included in the Return, the gen:ll Orders them up again, & the weather is Verry favourable Being Hard & appears to Continue so that its of great Advantage Both to them & the Pack Horses, otherwise the Horses are so much Reduced it wou'd be impossible for them to go,

I Expect they'll Reach Pittsburg the 17th & Hopes the gen:ll will Sett of next Day,

The Cattle are all Sent up & also 120 Hoggs only 10 Was Kept Here as its His Excellencys pleasure to Have all the Provisions Possible above, there is Salt Enough Here and they are Served at Pittsburg so if Any Live Cattle Shou'd Come we are Provided in y:t Article.

Sr/

as I Expect to Be Releived Soon wou'd Be glad You wou'd Appoint Some Carefull person to take Charge of things at this place y:t they may not go to Ruin as they did Last Year

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I'm Oblidged to y^{r} Hon^{r} for giving me the Satisfaction to Know I Shall Be present at Settl^{t} & Hopes the gen^{ll} will Permitt me to go Down with Him & Likewise I must Acknowledge your goodness in approving of my Conduct Which I Hope will Always Be the Same while Continued in y^{e} Service

I am Honble S^{r} with Due Respect
y^{r} most Hu^{ble} Sert

GEORGE = MORTON

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Morton 11th Jany 1760

(January 13, 1760)

MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 12, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 13th Janr^{y} 1760.

Dear Sir.

As I did not imagine that you woul'd be so soon from Virginia, I sent the Gen^{ls} orders for the march of the detachment to Captain Schlosser. That part of your letter of the 5th instant to the General, where you mention the good behaviour of the Men, in turning out Voluntarly for this Service, afforded much pleasure and Satisfaction.

Your being at Lancaster at so critical a juncture was extremly happy, and has made us rise in our hopes of completeing the Battalion, As your presence will most probably have much sway with the Pennsilvania officers.

By General Stanwix order I wrote to the Colonels Mercer and Armstrong beging their interest upon the occasion; and I should also have wrote to Col. Bird, but supposed him to be in Virginia

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with you. In short every step was taken that coul'd afford us the least shadow of success, as you will find by my letters and orders to the Captains Cochrane, Schlosser and Etherington, and to which I beg leave to refer you.

By Mr Amhursts letter to General Stanwix, A Copy of which the Genl incloses you, the recruiting instructions, discipline of the Troops &c, is to be the same as last year: and the camp equipage to be ready by the 1st of March. I must therefore beg as I am at so great a dist nce, and as Genl Stanwix cant be without Lieuten^t Dow, that You will be so kind as to order the camp Equipage for the Battalion: and that you will order how it and the Cloathing is to come to us.

Few or none of the Officers here want Tents, or any other Camp Equipage, being already provided, and the one or Two that may want seem desirous of getting it themselves, by writeing to their friends. As to any of the gentlemen that are at Lancaster, or on recruiting service, Captains Schlosser and Cochrane will answer for them.

Two hundred Tents, One Thousand Flasks, and Two hundred Kettles is I think all that wee shall want.

I should be glad that before you leave Lancaster you would be so kind as to alter any instructions or orders I may have given in your absence to any of ye Three Captains for recruiting or otherwise as there may be occassion: as should our success among the Pennsilvanians bring us near our numbers, it will be necessary to order in some of the recruiting officers, and in this case I shall be much obliged to you Sir, that Lieu^t Ridge be ordered in among the first, and that you indulge him with leave to go to New York for a Fortnight, that he may try what he can do with his friend Mr Kilbey in regard to his purchaseing a Company.

As to myself I wrote by Major Gates to Genl Amhurst humbly requesting of him that I might have leave to dispose of my Commission, and told him that it was not out of any dislike to the service that I desired to sell, but purely oweing to my affairs at home requiring me there, and indeed in telling him so, I told him truely, for after all I do not find that I am as yet sick of the Service; and yet my affairs at home, makes it really necessary that I should be at home, so that it must end in my quiting the Service, as it would be unreasonable in me in a time of War to think of going on any other footing. In the mean time, and not knowing what may happen, I am, as a Young Bride just going to bed, in a very fluttering con-

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dition. You will perceive by Mr. Amhursts letter to Mr. Stanwix, that General Amhurst makes mention of me there; at that time he had not received my letter by M. Gates.

If the Battalion shoul'd be here the next campaign, than which I think nothing is more likely, I would recommend to your consideration the state of our officers a little. The great expence that they are at for the little Wine and liquors they have occasion for is truely a very great grievance; and as it must be a pleasure to a commanding officer to have the people under him satisfied with their station, I should think that if Three or Four Pipes of Wine, and some Spirits could be sent them, or some such indulgence paying for it at the Philadelphia price, it would be a very great ease to them, And I do think of great good to the Service.

I have ordered that the shirts, shoes, &c, you sent up last campaign be paid for immediately.

Inclosed you have a return of the six companies, by which you will see what number wee want to complete.

The savages brought in Yesterday Lieut. McDonald of the Highlanders, taken at Mr. Grants affair; He is very well, and tells me that L. Rider was sent down to the Missisippi.

As the General writes to you himself I shall only observe that he is very well, only now and then a little touch of the gout or so.

Wee were much mistaken in imagining that wee should have a tolerable mild winter in those parts; They will be deceived that expect it. I have not known much severer Weather any where.

What may appear a little suprising, after what I have just said above, yet it is very true, that the Waggons, carrying Five Barrels of Flour, still continue to go between Ligoner and this place. With the Compliments of the Season.

I am
Dear Sir.
Your very Obedient and very humble Servant.

JNO. TULLEKEN

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Tulleken
13th Jany 1760

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CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 14, A. L. S.]*

[Carlisle, Jan. 17, 1760.]

Dear Sir

I had the favour of yours of the 11th, & it gives me pleasure to hear I shall soon see you which informs me you are better which I am glad of, for I was sorry to hear you was troubled with the gout.

You may depend on it that we who were sent on the Recruiting service will do our utmost to compleat your Battalion, but the Success will not be so Speedy As seems to be expected, for at Lancaster we expected at the discharging to get by dozens & got very few, I got nine here which I had preengaged & on their being discharged from the Pensilvanians I delivered them to your Battalion. the Major in his letter to me seems to hint As if I was to be called in from Recruiting: is it for fear I shall interfier with Capt Ethrington, or that I shall hurt the Recruiting by being out? I shan't say what Oppinion I have either of Capt Ethrington's abilities or my own, others must be judge of that: but I think it very extraordinary if I who have been at A considerable expence & trouble & laid my Schemes for continouing out the recruiting Season, if I who have no Company at Lancaster shall At this time be called in & one who has A Company there be sent out At the time success is expected: we Are both out At present & I am very sure I shall never interfier with him or his Party, I won't Answer for him As to me, but he shan't. we Are both here by Coll Bouquet's orders & can All have employment enough: but the best time /I say it from experience/ will be About Six weeks hence, when money is gone & they find they don't incling to work. the Major says he hopes my taking the command at Lancaster won't be disagreeable to me, I could tell him many reasons why it would. in the first place I don't love to be made A yellow Admiral of & be sent there only to be out of the way; nor do I chuse to be at the disposal of every humbug: it is what I never was Accustomed to. in the next place the honour of commanding I am not fond of, Schlosser is as fit As

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There is a copy at f. 17, not reproduced.

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me, or ought to be, & sending me to Lancaster Would be using him ill As well As me. When I commanded the Battalion at Albany my whole Attention was fixed on their honour & conveniency, to the meanest individual; I ran About myself on All their errands, I took no parade of commanding officer & industriously shun'd it & every thing that was selfish, I conceal'd the negligence & faults of Officers with much more care than if they had been my own faults: your Battalion was well Spoke of & I had honour by my command, which I on every occasion attributed to the care of my brother officers; you know in what manner I Spoke to you of them; in return, I have been told this summer more than once that I was much disliked by most of the Officers as to my command. I am sure I never told you what difficulties I met with, nor even that two or three times some young Officers have told me I was wrong, in some of the most simple parts of duty, & offered to lay wagers with me on it: I thought this too much. should I covet Again to Command them?

When I left England I thought myself very happy in coming with you who I expected would be my friend, I hope I have done nothing to disappoint that expectation, & therefore write with this freedome. I have pride & therefore can't help being piqu'd when I in the least Suspect that every litle influence is to Affect me. I Always Act honestly & sincerely, & never more so than when I subscribe myself,

Dear sir
your most Obed^{t} & most hub^{le} Servt

GAVIN COCHRANE

Carlisle January 17th 1760

Mr Young the paymaster came here last night in order to pay off the troops.

[Endorsed] C. Cochrane

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CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 16, A. L. S.]

[Carlisle, Jan. 17, 1760.]

Dear Sir

My Success here has not been very great As yet, I have however got two good men & refused Several bad ones. in A letter from Major Tullikins he hints As if I was to be ordered to Lancaster to command on your departure, it is a very extraordinary hint except he expects that we shall be compleat in A few days which both you & I know will be by no means the case. to call me from the Recruiting on the pretence to command would be using Schlosser very ill, & me As ill: it would be calling me in As if I hurt the Service, & because Capt Ethrington was thought fitter; for he has a Company at Lancaster & I have none: I was ordered out At first & commanded the other Recruiting officers & laid my Schemes to be out the whole Recruiting season, & have been at A very great expence: should I be called in now when there is an Appearance of success to make room for Another? I dare say you don't think so. I last night received A letter from General Stanwix, but not on this head: in my Answer I wrote Something of this. he writes he is to be soon down. I am,

Dear Sir
Your most Obed^{t} & hub^{le} Servt

GAVIN COCHRANE

Carlisle January 17th 1760

Mr Young the Paymaster came here yesterday. I received A letter from Mr Gorrel Acquainting me that he had listed 26 men 2 of which had deserted

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt. Cochran Jany. 17th. 1760

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CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE TO MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 19, A. L. S.]

Carlisle January 17th 1760

Dear Sir

I last night received yours. I shall take care to forward Ridge's letter. you hint As if I was to be called in from Recruiting on the pretence to command At Lancaster: it would be using Capt Schlosser very ill & me no less so, for it would be like sending me to be out of Capt Ethrington's way; he has a Company at Lancaster, I have none there; I have been at great expence, he at none; ought he to supplant me when there is an Appearance of success? I have used the freedome to write pretty plainly to the General on this head.

I am,
Sir
your Obedt hublе servt

GAVIN COCHRANE

Majr. Tulleken

(January 1[illegible], 1760)

NICHLAUS BULACHER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B[illegible], Add. MSS. 21645, f. 20, L. S.]*

[Cassel, January 1[illegible], 1760.]

Wohl[loeblicher?] Gestrenger und Fürnemmer [Vornehmer] Herr Oberst.

[illegible] uns der [Staltrat] Kahl unsers geb [geliebten?] Bruders und Schwagers H. Emanuel Hess, gewesener Officier unter dem löbe [loeblichen?] Royal Americanischem Regiment, unter der 25sten Merz verwichenen jahres beriehtet wurde haben wir Herrn Johann Conrad Schweighauser des handels [Gerichts], in Philadelphia [weitgehende] bevollmächtig[ung] dass [er die] verlassenschaft in unserm nahmen zu [in die] haende zu nermen [nehmen] und selbiges miterbe der [in dieser] [an]gelegenheit nach hiesigen landes [gesetzen] zu übermachen weil uns das meiste dieser verlassenschaft bei löbe [loeblichen?] Regiment sich [allenfalls] [be]findet so wir uns geschweigen [wagen] durfen dich furchtenden herrn Obersten [hoflichst] zu bitten, selbige unserm gewalthaben herrn Schweighauser gutigsten zu deren verabfolgung behilflich zu sein und zu kommen zu lassen das bekannte grossmütige verfahren verspricht uns zum voraus gunstig erfolg und zwar um so viel eher [mehr] als, ein jedes [von] uns sich in bedürftigen umstaenden befindet, und [diesen] [ein als richt zu unserm trotz zu gesendten . . . ein zu sehen ist] wir bedauren so grossen erwiesenen gefälligkeit sinf wir [armuth] halber nicht imstande unsere gegendienste anzubieten, andrenfalls aber werden wir nicht aufhören den Lieben Gott, als den vergelter aller wohltat, um das beständige wohlsein anzuflehen, als in dessen [namen] schutz wir [dasselbe] unter höflichster salutation bestens empfehlen sein lassen, die wir [immer] unausgesetzt mit schuldigster hochachtung die ehre haben zu sein [deiner?] Wohlsehn, Gestrenger und Fürnemer [Vornehmer] Herr Oberst

[Ergebener] und Gehorsamer
Diener

[NICHLAUS] BULACHER, als sagt [sprechend?] für

Jungse, URSULA, und SYBILLA HESS

JEREMIAS SCHLEGEL

FRAITZ FRIDRICH [BULACHER?]

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* The original was written in German script. The illegibility of the handwriting rendered the original text somewhat obscure.

(January 18, 1760)

[TRANSLATION]

[Cassel, January 18, 1760.]

Most honorable, revered and distinguished Colonel:

Inasmuch as the City Council, on March 25 of last year, informed us of the death of our beloved brother and brother-in-law, Lieut. Emanuel Hess, former officer in the Royal American Regiment, we have sent Mr. John Conrad Schweighauser of the Commerce (Orphans) Court in Philadelphia complete power of attorney, to take over the inheritance in our name, and to forward such joint legacy to us, according to the laws of this country. Since most of this inheritance is undoubtedly in possession of the honorable regiment, may we dare ask you, respected Colonel, to be kind enough to assist our representative, Mr. Schweighauser, in transferring and taking possession of it, knowing the generous gesture promises us in advance a favorable result and, to be sure, much sooner. As each one of us is in needy circumstances and [in view of such conditions, a representative . . . is to be desired], we regret because of our poverty that we are not able to offer our services in return for the great kindness shown to us. However, we shall not cease to pray the Dear God, the rewarder of all good deeds, for your lasting well-being. We sincerely commend ourselves, in His name, to the same protection. With most courteous greetings, we shall ever remain with due esteem, and have the honor to desire [your?] good health, revered and distinguished Colonel.

[Your] submissive and obedient servant,

NICHLAUS BULACHER, also speaking for

the Misses URSULA and SYBILLA HESS

JEREMIAS SCHLEGEL

FRITZ FRIEDRICH [BULACHER?]

(January 21, 1760)

LORD BARRINGTON TO JOHN CALCRAFT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 46, C.]*

War Office 21st Janry 1760

(Copy)

Sir

I desire you will Transmit to me as soon as you can Conveniently a List of the several Officers in the Regiments under your [Command who have] purchased this present or any former Commissions which they may hereafter desire to sell.

I am also to Acquaint you that for the future whenever you Deliver to me a Recommendation to any Commission, I shall expect that you specify whether the Person recommended is to purchase [it]. I am

Sir
Your most humble Servant

BARRINGTON

John Calcraft Esqr.
E. E.

[Endorsed] Copy of a Letter from the Secretary of War.
21st Janry 1760.

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* There is a copy at f. 35, not reproduced.

(January 24, 1760)

CAPT. GEORGE ETHERINGTON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 22, A. L. S.]

Carlisle 24th Jany 1760.

Dear Collo

I am sorry to tell you that recruiting is very dead here at present, there being Ten Companies dischargd and but thirteen Men enlisted six by Cap: Cochran's party and seven by Lt Carre's, and I believe there will not be any Number of Men rais'd till about five weeks after this as the moment they are discharg'd the go out of Town.

I have given recruiting Instructions to several of their Officer's who say they'l go into the Country and enlist them & bring them to Lancaster, and I believe that is the only chance wee have of filling our Battalion: when the men are discharg'd that are here I shall come to Lancaster as Capn Cochran will answer All the ends that possibly I could do by being here and am Dear Collo

Your most Obdt and very Humle Servt

GEO: ETHERINGTON

[Endorsed] Capt. Etherington 24th Jany 1760

(January 24, 1760)

CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 24, A. L. S.]

[Carlisle, Jan. 24, 1760.]

Dear Sir

I have only to tell you that since my coming here I have got 8 men most of them remarkably good; I Spoke to Several Pro-

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vincial officers, one of them told me he had got some men, & tho' I told him to show them me & for those I Approved I would pay him & take the men, some hurry or other ~~wise~~ has hitherto prevented him. so soon As I get his men I will send you a regular Return. I know of No other that has got Any men but Mr Kerns & he is under the direction of Capt Ethrington & therefore I make no enquiry, taking this to be your Meaning. I can't however omit Saying that I am affraid Mr Kerns has several under the Standard much; nor do I believe they Are Approved of by Capt Ethrington. you may be Assured I shall do all in my power for the Regt & that I am,

Dear Sir,
Your obedt & hublе Servt

GAVIN COCHRANE

Carlisle January 24th 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt Cochran 24th Jany 1760

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet of the 1st Batt: R A R at Lancaster

(January 25, 1760)

COL. GEORGE MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 26, A. L. S.]

[Winchester, Jan. 25, 1760.]

Dear Sir

I have received your two Favors from Lancaster, and shall observe the Contents, and wait your farther Orders.

I expect to be able to bring you a compleat Settlement of all the Accounts, except for Graham's Salt, which has been sent by so many different Hands, that I despair making a Conclusion of that

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Matter. Mr Walker too is very bad with the Rheumatism at Home, but Rutherford I think can do his Business.

Moore I expect is by this at Cumberland on his Return. He went out with 45 or 50 of our Pack Horses with Salt. I have sent him Orders upon his Arrival at Cresap's to discharge all his Men for 25 Days when they are to meet him there again ~~and~~ by which Time the Horses will be sufficiently recruited and able to go another Trip. As We have great Plenty of Forage at Cumberland, the Horses can very well carry out a Load every Month which will greatly defray the Expence of Pasturage.

Since you left Me I believe no Man ever felt more cruel Torture than myself. A Gentleman of the physical Tribe prescribing drawing of a Tooth, as the surest Cure for the Pain, broke the Tooth, & at the same Stroke was so extreamly lucky as to fracture my Jaw Bone which for twenty odd Days made Me delirious, frantic, raving mad, nay if I coud say any Thing worse of myself, I am convinced I have a very just Right to do it, but thank God I have at last got the better of it

This Place never furnishes any News, but I hear from below that no less than seven Ships arrived from Britain in Rappahannock River last Week if they bring any Thing interesting it has not yet transpired.

Give Me Leave Dear Colonel to [———] assure you, that since I am honored with your Acquaintance I have rejoiced at every Occasion which coud afford Me an Opportunity of convincing you with how much Respect Esteem & Sincerity, I am

Your most obliged & obedient Servant

G^o: MERCER A D Q M G

Winchester Jany. 25th. 1760

[Endorsed] Lieut Col Mercer 25th. Jany. 1760

(January 25, 1760)

MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 28, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 25th Janry. 1760.

Dear Sir.

I am much obliged to you for your kind favour which I received yesterday afternoon. it was dated the 12th instant. General Stanwix and myself had each of us letters from Genl Amhurst at the same time. Mine was in answer to that which I inform'd you in my last I sent by M. Gates.

General Amhurst writes most obligeingly kind to me. And in fact gives me leave to dispose of my Commission to whome I please. If /as he says/ I still insist upon it. But at the same time Uses every argument to make me alter my resolution. I have again consulted my friend Gnl Stanwix, and wee have agreed that I should stay here till such time as it shall be intirely agreable and convenient to you to come up. That is after General Stanwix shall be down, and that you and him have settled all your affairs. And I have wrote to Genl Amhurst accordingly, And have told him that I shall remain here with pleasure till you can more conveniently come up, and that I refer him to Genl Stanwix when it may happen that he shall see him, for my further resolves.

As the Genl sends of the express immediately, I am obliged to write much in a hurry /haveing many letters to write/ which I hope you will excuse. I am exceedingly obliged to you, my dear Sir, for telling me that you will come as soon as you have it in your power, and yet I would not desire to hurry you too much, tho' I undoubtedly shall long much for your arrival.

Genl Stanwix shew'd me a little ago his letter to Mr Amhurst. In it he spakes most friendly of you, and tells him how much wee have been obliged to your good management for the plenty of provisions there is on the communication. Mr Amhurst letters to Mr Stanwix are very friendly and kind. I believe I have in my hands of Lt Hesses to the amount of Fifty Pounds Currency. you may therefore pay the debt, or order it to be paid, of 37. 5. 8 Curcy and I will readily answer it I have advanced to Lt McDonald

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of the Highlanders /who with Adj.t Potts set out this Morning for Lancaster/ the sum of Forty Pounds Currency to carry him to his Corps, And inclose you his draught upon the paymaster of the Battalion, which will answer to above paying L.t Hesses debt, and I should be obliged to you to get the money at Philadelphia when you go there, which may be easily done.

Your not being on the spot occassioned my giveing the necessary instructions to C. Cochran and others for the recruiting service, and not knowing of your being so soon at Lancaster I still continued to send such orders as I imagined Might be necessary and for the good of the service and which General Stanwix aproved off. But so soon as wee new of your being at Lancaster it of course became unnecessary for us to trouble those gentlemen any longer. wee naturally concluding that you being now on the Spot would answer every end and purpose, and if I had given any order that might be wrong, you would be so kind as to put it to rites, nor is it intended for the future that any orders shall be given from this place to Either the recruiting officers, or the Companies. the General hopes all that from you. And for which reason it was needless in C. Cochrane to write the inclosed very extraordinary Letter to the Gen.l, as well as that to me, both which I inclose you, and must beg you will not part with.

I fancy sir, that it will become necessary in the end to keep a tighter hand, or upon my word I do not know where things may end.

I am of opinion that Gen.l Stanwix will not leave this as yet, for this three weeks or a month to come.

I beg you will believe me to be as in truth I am.

Dear Sir.
Your very Obedient And much oblig'd hum.ble Serv.t

JN.o TULLEKEN

Col. Bouquet.

[Endorsed] Letter from Major Tulleken 25.th Jan.y 1760

(January 27, 1760)

GEORGE NORTON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 30, L. S.]

Ligonier Jan^y: 27th 1760

Honble Sr.

On the 18th Inst: I Rece^d a Letter from Pittsburg informing me that the Waggons must make another Trip & Knowing I wou'd Have trouble to Perswade the Drivers & only Having Mr Dow's Verbal Order for the Mony Before Advanced to them & the Wagg^s & Pack Horses Being all above & none Coming up I took on me to go up the 19th & Returned the 23 Inst: Finding the gen^ll Designed to Leave so Little flour at this Place thought Proper to intimate to Him How it might Be most Easily Replaced & then Rece^d His Excellencys Dirctions to Remove the flour from Stony Creek.

I Sent to Pittsburg 40 Pack Horses the 24th With 100 Bushels of Oats the Rem^r with flour & this Day five Waggons with 25 Barr^s I Likewise Sent to Stony Creek 12 Kings & Cont^d Horses & 12 Pressed Belonging to Suttlers With a Quantity of Baggs & Directions to the Commissary to Have them filled & weighed.

As the gen^ll Has ordered what of the above 40 Horses is fitt for Service to Be Employed that way when they Return & Some Suttlers which I Expect thinks to Be able to Remove from that Post all y^t Can Be Spared.

Sr/ the Now Commanding Officer will not allow the Commissary to give me the Returns of Provisions in Store as usual so fears it may be of Prejudice to the Service as I Cannot for Any thing I do not Knowing the Quantity to Load, And it Likewise Hinders me from Complying With y^r Hon^rs Directions in your Last Letter from Pittsburg Dated Novr 11th to Send all Returns to Mr Dow & also Has given orders y^t no Rum Shall Be Issued But By His Rece^t I Have all the Campaign Signed Liq^r Returns for Wagg^ns Pack Horse men & the Artificers Belonging to this garrison & Hopes I'll Be able to ans^r for that or Any thing Else I Have done Here.

I Can't so particularly ans^r y^r Instructions if I'm not Allowed the Returns of Provisions in Store, However will take all

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the Care I Can for the good of the Service, & Hopes y: Hon: will Please write How I'm to Act: I am Honble S^r with

Due Respect y: most Hu^ble Ser^t

GEORGE = MORTON

Forrage in Store

B: Oats, B S^s B: Rye Barr^s Rum G^s D^o B: Salt
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[Endorsed] Mr Norton 27.th Jan.y 1760

(January 29, 1760)

ALEXANDER LUNAN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 31, A. L. S.]

Philad.a 29. Jan.y 176[0].

Dear Sir,

I Wrote You, since I sent your things to Mr. Hoops's Care; Since which, I have not had the pleasure of hearing from You.

In my last, I hinted some thing of our friend Mally's Wedding, Which I now can tell You, with Some truth, is to be Solemniz'd this very Evening, So that, in Your next, You can Wish them Joy.

I thank You heartily for your great kindness to M.r M.c Alentes, and remain with much respect.

Dear Sir,
Your most obed.t Serv.t

ALEX.r LUNAN.

(January, 1760)

NAMES OF OFFICERS: COMMISSIONS PURCHASED

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 34, D.]*

[January, 1760.]

List of the Name[s of the] Officers of [the 1st] Battalion of his Majesty's Royal American [Regiment] That have [purch]ased Commissions [mentioning] the Commissions they have purch[ased]

Rank	Names	Purchased
Captain	[Richard] Mather	His Ensigncy and Lieutenantcy
Captain	Gavin Cochrane	His Lieutenantcy
Captain	Harry Gordon	His Company
Captain	Geo: Etherington	His Company
Captain	Thos. Barnsley	His Company
Captain	[Dond] Campbell	His Captain Lieutenantcy
Lieutenant	James [Ralfe]	His Lieutenantcy
Lieutenant	John Wilson	His Lieutenantcy
Lieutenant	James Dow	His Lieutenantcy
Lieutenant	[Wm:] Lessley	His Lieutenantcy
Lieutenant	[Geo:] McDou[gal]	His Lieutenantcy
Ensign	[John] Hay	His Ensigncy
Ensign	Archibald Dow	His Ensigncy
Ensign	James McDonald	His Ensigncy
Ensign	James Gorell	His Ensigncy
Adjutant	Willm Potts	His ~~Ensigncy~~ Adjutantcy
Major	Walters	His Company in the 45th Regmt 12th June 1747

* There is an incomplete document at f. 166, not reproduced, from which the illegible names in this list have been completed.

(February 2, 1760)

CAPT. JAMES SINCLAIR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 36, A. L. S.]

Carlisle the 2d February 1760

Sir

Inclosed I send you Captain Shelby & and Parris's Receipts, as likewise my own for the Two thousand Pounds Sterling you sent me from Pittsburgh, dated at the time I received it.

I found Captain Byers and any other Persons Levies in this Place, I should chuse to entrust to settle the Accots of Pastures in this district, very unwilling to undertake it openly, lest they should thereby incur the general displeasure of the people concerned, who will not fail to exclaim against all deductions, tho' never so reasonable; I have therefore determined to take it upon myself, and be regulated by the Information I received from the Surveyor and Overseer, with Mr Smith and Captain Byer's Opinion, which they have agreed to give me privately.

By a Letter I received last Night from Captain Ourry, I am surprised to find the General still so uneasy on the Article of Provision, when in three Months hence I am confident any Quantity maybe sent up at one third of the Expence. The General sends Orders to Bedford, Ourry can't execute them for want of Horses, he is surprised I send none, but no method is prescribed to me in which way I am to do it; should it be thought proper to engage in the same immoderate Expence that was necessary last Winter, I mean to raise Horses, for which you are to pay Hire and appraizement to fit them out with Saddles, engage Horse Masters, Drivers & that may be done, and I am confident in any number; but this is a Scheme I would by no means recomend, nor think of entering upon without positive Directions.

Hanbright is just returned from Loudon and Shippinsburgh, where he has made a proper disposition of the King's Horses, they recruit fast, and I make no doubt by the latter end of April we may be able to fit out fifty Teams from Bedford: Ourry expresses a desire I should draught them now and send them up with Loads, but this I think ought not to be done without the most pressing emergency, (which from the different Returns does not appear to be the Case at present) as these Horses would be entirely ruined, and rendered unfit for all further Service.

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If the general has left it to you to settle All acco.ts that are due, I think it will require about Two Thousand Pounds to settle what remains unpaid in this County.

I have the honour to be with great Respect and Esteem

Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

JAMES SINCLAIR

Co.l Bouquet.

[Endorsed] Lieut.t Sinclair 2.d February 1760

(February 2, 1760)

JOHN READ TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 38, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford 2.d Febr.y 1760.

Sir

I here Inclose to you the State of Provisions at the Several Forts & Posts on the Communication so far as is Come to hand also the State of the Stores under my Care,

In order to lessen the Expence of my Branch I have discharged what People could be Spared during the Winter Season and, Expect to be down to Settle with them as I have Advanced them Money at Sundry Times and as there is a Considerable Sum due to them and Others Still Employed in my Department I shall if it be Agreeable

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to Colonel Bouquet wait on him for his Advice and Direction therein

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

JOHN READ D^y. Comiss^ry.

Colonel Bouquet

Only thirty Seven Bullocks sent from Carlisle & two of them being Lame left on the Road viz 1 at Littleton & one at Juniata. The remaining thirty five I shall send forward tomorrow, they are within 3 Miles of this Place

Feby. ye 5th. L. O.

[Endorsed] M^r. Reads Letter 2^d. Feby. 1760

[Addressed] On his Majestys Service To Colonel Bouquet Depty Adjutant General at Lancaster

(February 4, 1760)

CERTIFICATE OF ENLISTMENT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 40B, D. S.]*

[February 4, 1760.]

Philad^a. ss.

Whereas Andrew Figner and George Carts had made Oath before me, that Michael Ganeck was Inlisted into Capt. Rumple Company of

* There is an unsigned document at f. 40, not reproduced.

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the first Battalion of the Royal Americans The twenty Sixth Day of November 1756 for Three years and that we the Deponants Did see the said Cyrtificate that Serjant John Shaffer gave to the aforesd. Michael Ganeck. Witness our hands this fourth Day of Febry. 1760.

Sworn before me

John Stamper Mayor.

ANDREW FIGNER.

GEORGE GARTS

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ALEXANDER GRAYDON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 42, A. L. S.]

Bucks County Febry. 4th 1760.

Sr.

I should have wrote to you a considerable Time since, but being at Philada. about a Fortnight past, Mr Peters informed me, he expected you every Day in Town; I did not however hear of yr. Arrival there till the Day before yesterday, when I should immediately have done my self the Honour of paying my Respects to you in Person, but that Affairs of considerable Importance prevents my going down before the latter End of this or Begining of next Week. But as I cannot know, how short your stay may be in Philada. I beg leave to request yr further Instructions relative to the Payment of the last Waggons sent from this County.

As my Instructions from Generl Stanwix requires me to pay no Money without Orders, I thought it incumbent on me strictly to adhere to them in that Particular.

The Certificates wch are come to my Hands, are clear enough so far as relates to the Services performed, but as at least two Thirds of the Horses, and almost all the Waggons are lost and left

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behind, I dare not venture to settle an Affair of such Importance upon my own Judgm.t I find that such Horses as fell on the other Side Bedford, and Waggons or Geers, left, are mentioned in the Certificates, and the Means by which, and Plans where left, and generally such Horses as survived to reach Bedford on their Return, were discharged there with their Drivers. From which I could only conjecture, it was intended to pay for all such Horses Waggons, & Geers, as were expressed in the Certificates to be lost or left beyond Bedford, whatever may be the Case w.th such Horses as were discharged there, and unable to get to me for Want of sufficient Allowance of Forrage, as the Drivers universally assert. I pray S.r that I may be resolved in this Point. By the best estimate I can form, the Loss of Horses & Waggons, mentioned in the Certificates will exceed one Thousand pounds. I have received from S.r John S.t Clair £ 2000, which is pretty near expended, without discharging any Losses; So that I Judge £ 1000 more will still be wanted for that Purpose, and if the Certificate Waggons, w.ch I formerly took Occasion to mention to you, are to be paid by me, which of Right I presume they ought, a much greater Sum will be required.

If your Stay in Philad.a should be longer than ~~the Time~~ to the Beginning of next Week, you need not give y.r Self the Trouble of writing, I have requested the Bearer to wait upon you, and receive any Commands for me.

I am, with very great Resp.t

S.r

Y.r most Obed.t & most humble Serv.t

ALEX: GRAYDON

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Alex. Graydon Esq.r 4.th Febr.y 1760 answered the 5th

(February 9, 1760)

JAMES MEYRICK TO [MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN?]

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 45, A. L. S.]*

Channel Row 9.th Feby 1760.

Sir

On The other side I have the Honour to send You the Copy of a Letter I have received from Lord Barrington in consequence of which I must desire you to furnish me with the Returns therein mentioned in Order to my laying it before His Lordship, I am

Sir
Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

JAMES MEY[RICK]

Officer commanding the 1.st Batt.n of Roy.l Americans Pittsburgh

(February 13, 1760)

CAPT. JAMES SINCLAIR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 47, A. L. S.]

Carlisle the 13.th february 1760.

Sir

This serves only to inclose you a receipt for the Two thousand Pounds Sterling, and to acknowledge the favour of your Letter of the 6.th I shall take Care to have all Accompts in readiness, and so soon as the money comes to my hands, the whole will be easily cleared off.

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* There is a copy at f. 35, not reproduced.

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I shall Observe your Directions with regard to the Kings horses. Mr Hoops has been disapointed in the Hogs he expected from Maryland, but has taken some steps to procure an immediate Supply in this part of the Country for the relief of the uper Garrisons, of Twenty head of Cattle, which with 50 Hogs from Virginia, he imagines are now upon the Road, will be sufficient for some time.

I have the honour to be with great Respect

Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

JAMES SINCLAIR

Colo. Bouquet

[Endorsed] Mr. Sinclair's Letter 13th Febry. 1760

(February 19, 1760)

PETER SMITH TO MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 48, A. L. S.]

Lancaster February ye 19th 1760

May it Please your Honour

According to your Honours Orders I went to Serjt Pasage Who Gave me the Certificate herein Inclos'd I went Imediately to Collo. Bouquet Who Order'd me to Write to Your Honour to know Whither you Order'd me to Get this Certificate from Serjt. Pasage or not and Likewise When Your Honour Writes to Let him know

I am Sr. your Most Obedient And Humble Servent

PETER SMITH
of Captt Etherintons Company

[Addressed] For Major Tulikins at Pittsburgh This

(February 19, 1760)

GEORGE PASSAGE: CERTIFICATE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 44, D. S.]

This is to Certifye that I Geo: Passage Recruiting Serj^{t} Under the Comand of Ens^{n} Otter Inlisted Petter Smith Soldier the 22nd Day of Septr 1756 For the space of three Years

As Wittness my Hand

GEO: PASSAGE Serj^{t}:

Sign'd at Lancaster ye 5th of February 1760

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CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 49, A. L. S.]

Carlisle Feb: 19th 1760.

Dear Sir

I think I Acknowledged your favour from Philadelphia in my last. I send you by Serj^{t} McKintosh Seventeen Recruits which I hope will please you: the most exceptionable Are Dobbins, McGan, & Doren: Dobbins Appears old but is not so, his Attestation 3 years Ago makes him then 22, & Co^{ll} Mercer Assured me he was not old & was a very good duty man; neither is Doran old, & is a very necessary man being a remarkable good Taylor which I know by experience As well As by report: As for McGan, all I shall say is, that I was Assured by his officers that he was a trusty, good Soldier & a good marcher, but least he should not please you I have told My Serj^{t} not to pay the remaining part of his bounty till he was Approved of by you: he was so earnest to go with us that I was willing to run some risk. Harrod you Approved of before, I had

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him then for a Servt but finding him not fit for it, I think, he will be better with the Regiment, As he is a litle under Standard you told me I was to take him to my Company.

I wrote you about a [~~deseter~~] deserter I put in Jayl here till I should receive your orders about him, his real name is Francis stidwell, I would have sent him with my Recruits but was Affraid he might persuade some of these young hands to desert, As there Are so many of them, some of whom I was bid have An eye to As they said they would desert, but I have given these very men the greatest liberties & found them true. I shall send stidwell by the next Opportunity. I have still 3 Recruits here, one is sick & the other two are about 20 miles off Recruiting for me. I'll be obliged to you if you will send back to me Fleeming & McCan to Assist the Recruiting, or if you don't chuse to send both send at least Fleeming. my Party from Maryland is come, & brought me 2 Recruits, one of them I rejected; the one I listed when I was down there went off on the march, some others I lost there, but these things can't be help'd, & I can't complain of my Success here. I ask'd Mr Boucher how many he had inlisted, he said 8 or 9, I bid him bring them to me to be Approved & I would pay him for them & send them with mine, he sends me word this morning that so many are out in the Country that he can't send them now, but will send them soon himself. I have Advanced him only £ 20. Were not the Roads at present so excessively bad & my presence here at present necessary, I proposed to have gone to Lancaster to have had the pleasure of spending An evening with you. I am, with respect,

Dear Sir
your Obed^{t} & hub^{le} Servt

GAVIN COCHRANE

I wrote to you in my last About the two Serv^{ts}, or pretended serv^{ts}, I am sued for by Capt. James Armstrong, so shall not repeat it. I have heard nothing from Lt Stewart & would have wrote to him, but really forgot where he is. the Recruits were paid by me last Saturday to friday next inclusive.

[Endorsed] Capt. Cochrane 19th February 1760

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LAUNDER LUMAN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 51, A. L. S.]

Philad.a 19th Feb.ry 1760.

Sir,

As it is probable the General will be come down to Lancaster, before you return here; I have taken the Liberty to put You in mind of the Indian Blankettting, mentioned to You formerly. I can Supply You with any quantity You may have Occasion for, and as low as to be had in Town; and I shal esteem it a very particular favour, You'l give me the preference.

Should any more shirts be wanted for Your Battalion, I have about a Thousand ready made lying by me, Which are very good and will let go very reasonable; If Mr. Milling should not Write, the Family is very well and in high Spirits, having, by the last packett, received Letter's from Mrs Sterling. I Congratulate You on the great good News from England, both on the Defeat of the French Fleet, by Admiral Hawke, and on our taking of Pondicherry, in the East Indies. The Magazine tells us that Mr. Boone, who You'd probably hear mentiond at Mr. Millings, has got the Government of the Jerseys, Mr. Barnard, Massachusett's Bay or Boston; Mr. Pownal So. Carolina, Mr. Littleton Jamaica & Mr. Ball So. Carolina, Luet. Govr. of that Province; I am sorry ther's not a Government for Mr. Morris.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.

LEXr. LUMAN.

[Endorsed] Mr. Luman's Letter 19th Feby 1760

(February 20, 1760)

CAPT. DONALD CAMPBELL TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 53, A. L. S.]

[Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20, 1760.]

Sir

I have had my Quarters here, for the most Part of the winter, I have only recruited Six Men and one of them has left me, I have had the Misfortune to have a very bad Party, and in Particular my Serjeant he has rather been a Burthen to me, than of any use.

I Shall take the first Opportunity to goe from this by Water, as it is too great a journey by Land, and shall goe to some Place on the Frontiers of Maryland, that I may be nearer to receive orders from the Reg. I hear Major Stewart has great Success.

I am Sir with the Greatest Respect
Your most obedient humble Servant

DONALD CAMPBELL

Norfolk. in Virginia Feberwary 20th 1760

[Endorsed] Capt Campbell 20th feby 1760 received 16th March

[Addressed] To Collonel Bouquet or Commanding Officer of the R: A: Regt at Lancaster

(February 21, 1760)

CAPT. GEORGE ETHERINGTON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 55, A. L. S.]

[Philadelphia, Feb. 21, 1760.]

Dear Coll:[o]

I came here last night, from Newyork where found the enclos'd paper knowing but the were letters y[t] requir'd dispatch have sent the Express off a day sooner then he intended going.

All the Stores are at Burlington & I expect that they'l be here to morrow night so that I shall be able to send them off on Monday morning, for Lancaster. there was a mistake in some of the other Battalions but none in ours, every thing being mark'd for us,

You have doubtless seen the papers so you know all the publick News Cap:[tn] Prescott who came over in the last pacquet seems to doubt of there being another Campaign notwithstanding there was Nin. Regiments order to embark for Holand.

If the News writers say true; all the Vacant Regiments are given away and no mention made of M: Stanwix, but as he is going home he'll doubtless rub up their memory. hoping soon to have the pleasure of seeing you.

I am Dear Coll:[o]
Your most Obd[t] and very Hum:[le] Serv[t]

GEO: ETHERINGTON

Philidelphia Feb[ry] 21:[st] 1760.

To Coll:[o] Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap[t] Etherington
21:[st] Feb[ry] 1760

(February 21, 1760)

GENERAL JOHN STANWIX TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 57, A. L. S.]

Fort Pittsburg 21st Feb.ry 1760

Dear Colonel

Yesterday I rec.d the Favour of your litter.ts from Philadelphia of the Fifth, and your settleing the time for paym.ts of the two last War.ts for £ 7000 at differ.t periods must be quite right, hope our disposition I made for recruiting the Battalion will make us near complete tho' I begin to have my own doubts but Still am of opinion that we have done all we could do & am sure you will forward it by your Orders Instructions & receiving no bad men.

am glad to find C. Etrington is gone to York for the Cloathing w.ch must be got completed as soon as possible that the four companys afterwards may be bro.t up here if no contrary Orders for them else where I have told Gen.l Amherst that it will require, 2000 men to garrison the Communications & to carry on the works here, for the ensuing Campagne peace or Warr.

Pack horses do much better now then Waggons & much better then in hot weather scarce such a thing seen amongst them as a sore back the distruction of them in the summer, 50 Waggons will do a good deal as a good Magazeen of Flower at Bedford, have no great expectations from the advertizem.t but have no great dispendence of virginia tho' y.t must certainly to fullfill their Contract and disapoint us only in point of time

My Sloop Waggon & Chair & Baggage have left this 12 days ago & I propose to follow as soon as I see the Weather settled, before I sent my Baggage I got up here four twelve pounders from Fort Legonier & two Waggon load of fix'd Ammunition & sent my things Barrows, Russel & Gates back as this was the last trip that could be perform'd this Campaign there is now only 8, six pounders down, 2 at Legonier & 6 at Bedfo[rd]

Yours ever

JOHN STANWIX

(February 22, 1760)

RICHARD PETERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 59, A. L. S.]

[Philadelphia, Feb. 22, 1760.]

Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse my detaining the Post one day on account of carrying a Proclamation offering a Reward of one hundred Pounds for the discovery of the Murther committed on an Indian Family near Carlisle. Captn Hederrington brought the Packet Letters from York and Ennis shoud have gone off yesterday Noon.

Mr Penn makes a very kind mention of you in his Letter of the 10th Novr to me. I had mentioned your desire of settling here & your fancy for the Blue Rock Situation He expresses a mighty Satisfaction at your Intention & says if there had not been of old a fixed determination in the Proprietors to preserve that Plantation for ye family he woud have gratified you with all his heart. I will shew you the Letter when you come here there being other things in it y^t you will be pleased wth The Prop^r has refused the Price & woud have done so had it been twice as much, & will not consent to sell an Inch of it. The Prop^r thinks my manner of refusing things is offensive & hints as if I might have given you some offence by the rudeness of my manner of doing Business. I hope this is not the case. I love and esteem you & shall take a pleasure in promoting your Interest & Satisfaction. I meant not to disoblige. If I speak what appears to me right in a disagreable manner; it is a misfortune and as my friends tell me I do very often err in this point I will endeavour to alter, but I am afraid of the force of habit. Thus much I thought necessary to say as I find Mr Penn puts me in the wrong, both as to offering the Plantation to sale at all for any Sum & returning you such an Answer.

The Papers contain all the News. a Sweep of Governors without any new Name except that of our Friend Mr Boone of Carolina who had some small notions of a Government when he was here. Pownal is a favourite. he goes home for a while & the Lieutenant Govr takes the Rule. This is likewise the Case in Carolina. Littleton goes home before he goes to Jamacia.

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General Amherst has receivd a Letter from Secretary Pitt ordering him to have every Corps of his Army in readiness and says that Colonel Amherst will be sent forthwith after the Packet with the Plan of Operations and his Majesties further Orders.

I have not had time to see my Neighbours. I am

Dr Sir
Your affectionate humble Servant

RICHARD PETERS

22^d Febry 1760.

Colonel Bouquet

The Governor earnestly desires you will forward the Express with the Proclamations to Carlisle immediately.

[Endorsed] Letter from M^r. Peters concerning Blue Rock Feby. 22^d. Philad^a. 1760

(February 26, 1760)

CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 61, A. L. S.]

Carlisle Feb: 26th 1760

Dear Sir

In obedience to your commands I have set the deserter Francis Stidwell, alias Cane, at liberty on his fair promises of good behaviour, & Expressing earnestness to be Again with the Regiment since I wrote you last I have had one Recruit brought me by one of my out Parties, who also brought in James Robison a

(February 26, 1760)

Deserter from Capt Gordon's Company & is now in Jayl: I am told he has deserted Several Times before. the Party I sent with my Recruits to Lancaster Are not yet returned, I hope they have pick'd up some on the Road. I am

Dear Sir
your Obedt hublе Servt

GAVIN COCHRANE

[Endorsed] Capt Cochrane 26th Feby.

(March 1, 1760)

COL. JAMES BURD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 63, A. L. S.]

Fort Augusta 1st March 1760

Dear Sir

I Received a Packet from the Governr. p Express two days agoe, the Creeks being very high, the Express was obliged to sweem them, and in fixing his packett about his neck to preserve it from being wet he has lost one of his letters in the Creek which I have reason to believe is A letter from you to me which deprives me of a very great pleasure as their is no other substitute for our seperation

There was an unhappy Affair happen'd in Cumberland County an Indian man Named Doct. John & a Boy found Murdered, their Cabin plunder'd, & his Wife & Child likwise suppos'd to be killed. I have Called all the Indians here together upon this Occasion, and the assurances I have given them by the Authority of the Governmt. ~~have made them fairly easy~~ that the Murderers (if found) should be brought to Justice, togeither with the Reward offered for apprehending them has made the Indians easy, they were so affected with this affair that they declin'd meeting me in the Fort saying that perhaps I might cut them all off; there is seldom less then 100 Indians here & often 200 & upwards

(March 1, 1760)

As I find about 30 days meat and 40 days flour here in store for the Garrison I write Mr Josua Howel p this Opportunity to know how we are to be further supply'd with Provisions

I intend to sett out from hence for Lancaster by the 6th Curr^{t} and hope to have pleasure of seeing you soon in the mean time I begg you will beleive me Unalterably

Dear Col:
Your most Affectionate freind
& Obed^{t} humb^{le} serv^{t}

JAMES BURD

Col: Bouquet

[Endorsed] James Burd

(March 1, 1760)

COL. GEORGE MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 65, A. L. S.]

[Winchester, March 1, 1760.]

Dear Sir

I have waited your Orders to repair to Philadelphia with great Impatience for some Weeks past, and the more so, as I cant possibly be of Service here till I see you; the Country People are daily applying to know the Comodities wanted at Pittsburg, and the several Prices, to which you gave Me no Authority to answer Them

I have contracted with Mr Steenbergen for the 1000 Bushels of Corn as you directed, and I am told by a Person just come from the Branch, that some of it is sent off e'er this.

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I had an Offer the other Day from Augusta of a Contract for 200,000 lbs of Flour, & 10,000 bushels of Indian Corn. I told him the Prices allowed Mess:rs Steenbergen & Ramsay for those Commodities, I engaged he shoud have the same as I imagined they must be acceptable at Pittsburg; at these Rates he refused to contract, but says he will enter into Bonds of a 2000 Sterl Penalty to deliver y:r as cheap, & good as can be got any where from Pennsylv.a I coud not presume to bargain with him on these Terms till I saw you, & We parted, but I have since had a Letter from him, wherein he writes Me he is buying up Corn & Flour, & will send out a Load or two of each, that we may know the lowest he can do it for, before I write him from Philadelphia, which I engaged to do, upon seeing You. I know the Man is able to pay any Forfeiture he agrees to, for Non-compliance. I have wrote him in Answer to his Letter, and gave him all the Encouragement I had a Right to do, especially to send out the Indian Corn, which I remember you said was most wanted there.

I have also had a Person with Me to contract for furnishing the Army in this District with Carol.a Beeves, for the same Price Graham was allowed, which he says was 40 P C.t I coud not pretend to make any Agreement with him either, but as he did not propose to set out for Them, till the Middle of April, I promised to write him so soon as I saw you.

A few Days ago I recd a Lre from the Commissary at Red Stone, acquainting Me, that Garrison woud be out of Flour, in 14 Days from the Date of his Letter, which Time had expired before it came to Hand. I dispatched an Express imediately to Cumberland to desire Maj.r Livingston woud do the best he coud, to supply Them, till I coud send off the Pack Horses, and I am told he impressed 19 Horses belonging to some Country People, and sent Them off imediately loaded with Flour. I had before ordered Moore out the 25.th Ult.o with the 50 Horses at Crosaps, to take up the Remainder of Graham's Salt, and the Lre just arriving as I met him here, I ordered him off imediately, to load with Salt at Cumberland, and carry it to the Great Crossing, there to change it for a load of Flour, & after leaving it, at Red Stone, to return & take up the Salt, as this Supply of Flour woud last that Garrison till the Middle of May or June. He set out with his Men from hence the 21.st Feb.y and I hope is a considerable Part of his Way to Monongahela by this, As we have Plenty of Forage at Cumb.d Moore says the Horses perform better now then in the Sum.r M.r Walker is not yet come up, the Town & Country round Us being much infested with the Small Pox which has now become very fatal.

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I have got in all Gist's Indian Accounts, & have them so clear that I dare say they'll admit of no Dispute when they are laid before the General. It is really hard upon the People they shoud have wanted that Money so long.

I waited on Lord Fairfax as you directed, and he has promised that he will order his Rangers to deliver all the Strays here for the King's Use; Provided there is a Clause in the Advertisements, that it is done with his Consent.

As We may expect moderate Weather now, I think Col.^{o} Byrd's Regiment coud not be so well employed as in repairing the Roads between this and Cumberland. If the General would please to write the Govr about it I am certain he woud order Them imediately upon that Service.

I hope to have the Pleasure of seeing You. allow Me Sir in the mean Time to take this Method of assuring that with real Esteem & Respect I am

Your most obliged & obed.^{t} Servt

G^{o} MERCER A D Q M G

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 67, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 1.st March 1760.

My dear Sir.

I was favour'd with yours of the 5th of Febry some time ago, and should have answered it much sooner, but have been deprived that pleasure till now by a Boil I have had in the pit of my Arm, which haveing discharged greatly, has so weaken'd the parts

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war. I was wounded that for the present I have lost almost the entire use of my Arm, and indeed it is with difficulty I now write, but in a few short time will get the better of it.

I am still in hopes that our recruiting parties may have some success when the Pennsilvanians shall have spent their money, if not we can help it, wee have done all wee could do, and have nothing to answer for.

As to the Leggins wee are of opinion here, if it is agreeable to you, that Blue will be the best Colour because when the Campaign is over, And if they are made properly large, they make good Breeches, and uniform with the Clothing. and Breeches is what the men in generally want at the end of a Campaign, and the Cloth had better be pritty good, tho' it may cost a little more. Those six Companies will take Eighty pair Each for the people wee have here; The recruits will of course be supplied below. They tell me here that it will take three quarters of a yard for a pair of Breeches, or perhaps a little more.

The officers here are much obliged to you for being so kind as to say that you will send such things as they may want, and think it very reasonable that they should stand to the loss in case of any accident. The officers are accordingly to give me in returns of what they want, and are to Sign them, and I shall ~~them~~ send them to you by Mr. Dow, who will help you of with part of the trouble.

I am infinately oblige to you my dear Sir, for the great Esteem and friendship you so kindly express for me and I take this opportunity to observe to you, and to assure you that I know no man I would rather serve under than yourself, and that I am very Sincerely your well wisher, and shall at all times be proud of the honour of being reckoned among the Number of Your friends.

The General is still with us and very well. He does not say when he will leave us, but I imagine it will be about the middle of the Month. I fancy he would be glad to have a letter from England before he went down the Country, that he might know how things are to be with him. He is not pleased, and I doubt much whether the people at home think of him. Poor man I am really sorry for him. and I must own I think he deserves better.

We have had a great loss lately in the Flatt at Juniata, by which accident three men of Captain Campbells Company were drowned. I suppose Capt. Ourry has informed you of it. I am now

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just going to write to him that if the flatt cant be recover'd, they must go immediately about building another:

Our works here begin to look formidable, but I must leave the pleasure of telling that to the Gen.l

I am with the utmost respect My dear Sir.
Your very sincere friend
very obea.t & very hum.ble Serv.t

JN.o TULLEKEN

[Endorsed] Letter from Major Tulleken 1.st March 1760

(March 2, 1760)

LIEUT. JAMES DOW TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 69, A. L. S.]

Pitsburgh 2.d March 1760

My Dear Collonel

Inclosed I send you the returns, we have great plentie of every thing but Forrage, which I hope Captain Ourry will take care to Suply us with, It Should be a thousand pities if we Should be obliged to lett the works now Stand, by our Horses not being able to work for want of Forrage, M.r Hutchins his faln Shor.t Some Hundred Bushels in his returns

I am with all due respect

D.r Sir
Your much obliged.t
your most obe: & most Hum.l Serv.t

JAMES DOW

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut. Dow 2.d March 1760

(March 3, 1760)

LAPT. DAVID COCHRANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 70, A. L. S.]

[Carlisle, March 3, 1760.]

Dear Sir

I had the favour of yours of March the 1st and am Sorry Serjt Hamilton behaved so ill, he returned to me last friday; I shall give him a severe reprimand for disobedience of your orders & tell him to make amends for his bad behaviour by his dilligence in Recruiting; this is all can be done at present: Recruiting Serjts & Corplls, even good ones, are apt to think themselves too much intitled to indulgence.

I shall pique myself in getting more men than the Provincial Officers, if it was not for the great bounty I am sure I would get the better of them, for many of their 150 draughts wanted to go with me, & one of them was so foolishly obstinate that he was confined near a week & I had difficulty in begging him off from being tried, gave a short man for him & got him. As to the other Recruiting officers I wrote to them long ago to take the most Advantagious posts for catching the Provincials when their money is gone. As to my own Party, I shall suodivide them into as many Parties as possible & post them as properly as I can, sparing neither trouble nor expence, & appointing Serjts & Corplls of my Recruits pro tempore, nor shall I grudge the paying them as such: One Party I have sent to Cush Creek, one towards Tuscarocken, one at Shippensburgh, & one I send to-morrow to the forks of the Sweet Ara.

I have listed one man since I wrote you last, I have listed another who is in Jayl, I don't know whether I shall get him or not: it is for a very bad thing, breaking into a Shop; & many guilty of much less crimes I have refused, but Capt William Armstrong told me he wish'd I would take him for he had known him Several years & that he had always been reckoned a good man, & behaved well, & was of a creditable family in Ireland, his name is George Cochran, some says Cochran was mortally drunk when he did this action & was imployed by others. You mention nothing about the deserter Robison about whom I wrote you: Stidwell alias Cane who is pardoned behaves

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well. I am sorry so many desert & hope none of mine do, I am sure I was very carefull As to Character & have refused I believe near 20 mostly on that Account. I begin to think I had better not be so very nice As to Size now that we are not like to be compleat soon: I refused one brought me from Maryland, A likely lad of 22 or 23 for wanting 1/2 inch of 5: 4 Inches; he is still here & I believe I shall again take him if he is in the mind & run the risque of sending him, several disapproved by me have been listed by other Officers.

My £ 1000 is so far exhausted that I have wrote for Another warrand to General Stanwix: with the money left for me at Anapolis, I have drawn to day on Mr Barrow for something above last Warrand. I am not sorry that we don't go to Carolina; but Sorry the Cherokees should prove so troublesome.

I just now reprimanded Serjt McKintosh, he appears to be very penitent, & is very Sorry you Are Angry at him, & says he staid waiting for the paytS of money he had paid for the Recruits quarters at Lancaster. I bid him bring me more Attestatons; he brought me some from the Serjt Major but which I did not Approve of, I wanted those I caused be printed: the others make the Recruit Swear he is a protestant which I think by no means necessary. I am,

Dear Sir,
Your Obedt & Hublе Servt

GAVIN COCHRANE

Carlisle March 3d 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Capt Cochrane March 3d 1760

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet Lancaster

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 72, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 4th March 1760.

Dear Sir.

I am favour'd with yours of the 23d of Febur[y] and am much obliged to you for it.

I had not myself a single letter by the Packet, I fancy owing to the mistake of the Postmaster at York which often happens. Gen. Stanwix had two from Genl. Amhurst, and some from his friends at home. He is told that he is to go home, and that his leave will come in the next Packet. The vacant Regmts in this Country are all given away except the 40th and Mr. Amhurst tells him he hopes that will be fill'd up with his name. But I believe Genl. Stanwix does not expect it, nor indeed care much about it. The Genl. is extrmly happy at present at the thoughts of going home, And he is now resolved to leave this place immediately, And I believe will set out on or before the 10th instant, that he may settle all acts and matters with you, so as to be able to go for England as soon as his leave shall arrive. He tells me that he shall write to you himself, so that I need say no more.

I have told Genl. Stanwix that if the Batt is here the next summer I cannot be wanted, as the men will be all on the works, and as it is most likely that you will command here, for wee expect no General officer this way, I may be well Spared, and I hope you will have no objection; Mr. Stanwix tells me he shall inform Genl. Amhurst of it. Says he is certain that the Battalion must be here for the Campaign, and that I shall have leave to go for England, whenever it shall agree with your convenientcy to come up, which I dont expect will be before June.

I am exceeding sorry at what you tell me concerning yourself Col. Haldiman and the rest of the gentlemen. Every body must think that you are used extrmly ill. however I still flatter myself that things may take a turn, and that you will have that justice, you have so much a right demand. And you may be assured, my dear Sir, that no body wishes this more sincerely than I do.

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By a letter from Governor Littleton to Gen.l Stanwix, after all the Puff that has been made about his great success in makeing Peace with the Savages, he informs Gen.l Stanwix that he had no sooner got to Charlestown, than the Savages had again broke out, and have schalp'd near Forty of the back inhabitants, so that there is absolutely a necessity of sending troops that way. Mr Amhurst intended at one time to have sent part of the Royal and 55th Regmts but that was lay'd aside on Mr Littletons success. how it will be now I dont know. You will know that Mr Littleton is made Gov.r of Jamaica, and that Mr Pownal succeeds him.

As you will most likely command here, I have desired C. Barnsley to write to you that you may settle how you are to get the pay of the Battalion during the Campaign. For I aprehend there must be each muster a Warrant sign'd by Mr Amhurst for it. If so you had better settle how it is to be before you come up, as it may be difficult to do it afterwards.

Capt. Gordon Chief Engineer intends as soon as he has finish'd some things necessary here to go for a little time to Philadelphia. And he should also settle how he is to have his Cash for carrying on the works, for at this present he is so much distress'd for want of money, that the works must have stood still had not Barnsley let him have Six hundred pounds. I tell those things to you, because those people all expect that the Commanding officer is to find them with what ever cash they want. how reasonable this I cant say, but as you will likely command I thought I would let you know it, that you may take your measures accordingly. And I do flatter myself that you will not take it Ill, or think me over forward in mentioning those things to you, as in truth I mean well, and can have no other view.

My Arm is much better, and I hope in time I shall recover the strenth of it again.

I am with much respect and Esteem.

Dear Sir. Your sincere friend
Very obed.t & very humble Serv.t

JNo. TULLEKEN

[Endorsed] Letter from Major Tulleken 4th March 1760

(March 6, 1760)

GENL. JOHN STANWIX TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 74, A. L. S.]

Fort Pittsburgh 6th of March 1760

Dear Colonel

As the Major writes to you & I propose very soon to leave this place so your trouble now will be very short as a mistake happen'd in your two last War.ts of £ 5000 & £ 2000, by leaving out the Wor.ts without deduction have sent you two others wch youl please to sign & send them to Mr Barrow & Cancel the others, weather now very bad waters much cut first part of year propose to leave this & have the pleasure of kissing your hands either at Lancaster or Philadelphia & ever remain very Truly

Dr Col:
Your most Obedt humble Servt

JOHN STANWIX

Col: Bouquet,

[Endorsed] Letter from Genl. Stanwix Pittsburgh 6th March 1760

(March 8, 1760)

BARNABAS HUGHES TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 76, A. L. S.]

Donnegol March the 8th 1760.

Sir.

Agreeabbil To My promis To You, I Set of This day To Annapolis To know Mr Deleaneys Mind About his Land, I dont Intend To close a Bargin, But Shall if I Can Part Wth him on Conditions

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that he Shall not make Seal of his Land, until Such Time As he & I Shall Appoint, When he Shall have a positive Answer, in Casse yor Honner Complys wth his Terms, & if now Answer, at the time appointed or Before, that he w^{l} be at Libberty To Sel his Land To home he pleases). I Shal Tacke a Memorandom from Mr Deleaneys own hand of the proposels on Both Sids To you

I am Sir
your Humb^{l} Servant

B: HUGHES

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Mr B. Hughes 8th March 1760

(March 9, 1760)

RICHARD PETERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 77, A. L S.]

Philadelphia 9 Mar 1760

Dear Sir

A Bill is presented to day to the Governor for the Grant of £ 100,000 to raise the same Number of 2700 men as last year, but the wise heads have determind that there shall be only halfe the Companies & y^{t} Each Company shall now consist of 100 men One Captain, one Lieuten^{t} One Ensign, only two Serjeants and two Corporals & a Drum. By this injudicious saving of Expence no one can raise a Company or at least very few & no man of Spirit will accept a Company on such Terms.

The Bill is of the same Cost with that of last year & it is doubted whether the Governor will pass it.

Col^{l} Horse, Major Barry, Captn Malbane Captn Russle & a few choice Spirits are now laughing with us. I wish you was here.

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A Vessel is come from Bristol in the beginning of January but has brought no news. Mr (Fener) is inconsolable I suppose for the Loss of his Sollicitor Mr Rand & has not wrote a Line.

Mr Allen is getting better. Mr Tho Willing is not well & not sick. I have not had time to see that good Family since I came home. I am

Dr Sir
Your affectionate humble Servant

RICHARD PETERS

Col Bouquet

[Endorsed] Mr Peters 9th March 1760

(March 11, 1760)

CAPT. CALVIN COCHRANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 79, A. L. S.]

[Carlisle, March 11, 1760.]

Dear Sir

I last night received yours of the 9th, I sent this morning for Boucher & told him your orders About Sending his Recruits immediatly to Lancaster, & he told me he would immediatly send to Capt Wetherhold to send his: I think your Suspicion of Secreting them is at least best prevented. they never show me Any of their Recruits nor Seem inclined to do it: I Alreaddy wrote you that I had let Mr Boucher have £ 20 on Account.

(March 11, 1760)

I am sorry Any of my Recruits have deserted, I should have Suspected Freehold as little As Any man Alive, & had no reason to Suspect the others; I indeed believed Oniel to be A Villain on his cheating me As to 2 or 3 £ S which I p^{d} for him, & had reason to believe he has still his ticket tho' he denied it.

I'm sorry my present list makes so bad a figure, but one deserted last night, Michael Kerkman; & George Russell one of my best looking Recruits is in Jayl for breaking open a Cabinet, he is one of those I kept to help me to Recruit & behaved well till now. One of the Justices here is extreamly Officious in hearing & determining complaints ag^{t} my men & granting warrants. I therefore choosed to confine Russell by my order than Allow it to be by his, he has however granted A warrant to detain him. You may depend on my doing my utmost to Apprehend the 3 that have deserted, As also that I will take the greatest care not to inlist bad men. Corp^{ll} Mers is rather a hurt to me than other wise, I therefore don't want him to return with Serj^{t} McCleod. I send by the Party James Robison the deserter; I Also send Francis Stidwell whom I pardoned by your orders. I received the Attestations you sent. I am

Dear sir
Your most Obed^{t} & hub^{le} Servt

GAVIN COCHRANE

Carlisle March 11th 1760

please send back McCleod As soon As possible

They Are All paid for next friday

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt Cochran 11th March 1760

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet Lancaster

(March 11, 1760)

CAPT. JAMES SINCLAIR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 83, A. L. S.]

Carlisle the 11th March 1760.

Sir

Last night I arrived at this place and have this morning forwarded the Letters for the General by Apty. I have likewise sent to the different Persons with whom I shall be concerned in settling Accounts to repair wt them to Carlisle as soon as possible.

I was luckily here in time to prevent the whole of the Bullocks from being sent up the Country and have disposed of them in this manner. I have forwarded 20 Head three of which I have alloted for Loudon. Littleton & Juniata, the remainder Mr Ourry to proportion: the other 40 are divided into two Droves and sent to the Country where Hay is to be got, from whence they may be moved as occasion requires.

In a Letter dated the 1st of this Month I red upon the Road from Mr Ourry, he desires me to inform you he sent off immediately the Letter for the General mentioned to be forwarded with all Dispatch, likewise ten head of Cattle, and that there was nothing wanted at any of the Posts at present.

I don't find that the General has yet set out from Pittsburgh. Mr Hoops desires me to inform you, he will certainly be down with the General, when I am in hopes I shall likewise have the pleasure of seeing you.

The Gentlemen at the Lower Posts are very impatient, Lieut. Anderson has been so kind as to open the Case of Garden Seeds put up and directed for Pittsburgh, and take out what he thought proper, tho' the proportion for those Garrisons was sent a few days after; I dare say the General will thank him for this civility.

I have the honour to be with great Respect
Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servant

JAMES SINCLAIR

Colel. Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Mr Sinclair 11th March 1760

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CONRAD WEISER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 81, A. L. S.]

Reading March the 11. 1760

Honoured Sir

Your favour of the 29 last past I received yesterday by your men for which I thank you I was very glad to hear from you. I hope you will pardon me for my not writing to you for so long a time I depended on your former, in which you Said you would let me Know where I might find you, as to the money I laid out it amounts to £ 3356. 1. 8. but I beg you will Excuse me from Sending at this time a more particular account, my Son Samuel is gone to fort augusta on Some Indian affairs, I am as yet lame, but Can ride, and as Soon as he Comes home which may be about a week hence, I will with him wait on you with my accounts and receipts, tho not before I hear where I may find your Honour, their remain Some Wageners unpaid, as to Milige &c which I referred till I should have the pleasure of Seeing you.

The bearers hereof thought your letter Contained an order for Some recruits in this Town, but I Told I Knew nothing about them, So Could not be of any Service to them, but all ways will, where it is in my power. I have nothing to add, but wish you health and happiness. I am

Honoured Sir
Your most obedient & very humble Servant

CONRAD WEISER

P. S. My Comissions is not included in the above Sum of £ 3356. 1. 8 but the money I paid for Otts and Rice is.

this at 11 o'clock 11.th ins.t March was delivered to the otherside said bearer Serj.t Fry

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M.r Weiser 11.th March 1760

[Addressed] To Colonel Henry Bouquet Esquire Deputy Adjut.t General at Lancaster
P.r Conrad Fry Serjeant } These

(March 14, 1760)

CAPT. EVAN SHELBY TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 84, A. L. S.]

Frederick Town March 14th

Sir

I have been at Nichols's Gap and find about four mills to the Norward of the old Raod that ther may be a very good waggen Raod made over that Mountion x to my opinion x it is the Best Gap that is in the South Mountion from Susquehanna to Portomack that I have Seen.

I also wrought to Mr Deleny Conserning that Land and to Know the price of it. he has wrought to me that he will Sell it but has Not told me the Exact price of it, but I am going to annoplos in a few Days wher I Shall See Mr Deleny and Know the Exact terms and from there I Shall go to ~~Strayt~~ to Philadelphia wher I hop to see you.

Sir I have receved the Rifle you sent me by Mr Boker which I am very mutch Oblige to you for

x

I am
Dear Sir
Your most obt. humble Servant

E SHELBY

N B Sir there is two or three New Battos and Severall New Connoss made on partomack River since you was there so that I beleive if ther was work for them that they wood go on very Briskly and Severall mor talk of Bilding Battos if they were Shuer of work to doo this Sumer by Watter from frederick to Cumberland.

x

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt Shelby upon the Gap

(March 14, 1760)

ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 85, L. S.]

Carlisle 14th March 1760

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 7th of March I received I do assure you I gave Cummins orders to observe your Instructions Punctually with respect to the Cattle which I find he has not. On the 12th Instant Mr Reed set out for Pittsburg in order to Survey and receive the Contractors provisions that remain at the different posts Mr Howell writes me this is the plan agreed on at Head Quarters you'l see by Mr Curry Letter of the 10th Inclosed the approach of the Genl the Roads is extreamly Bad and am afraid he has Chosen the Worst Weather. Mr Walker has at Last sent some few Hoggs to Bedford, and Cumberland; But I am not informed of any going to red stone however there is flour Enough there and Betwixt two and three Thousand pounds of Beef and Pork I think they are now pretty well supplyed at every other Garrison I have every thing in readiness to come down with the General and hope soon to have the pleasure of seeing you in Lancaster I am

Dr Sr
Your Most Humle Servt

ADm HOOPS

I have just recd a Letter from Capt ourry which I inclose - -

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Hoops 14th March 1760

(March 16, 1760)

[LETTER FROM JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 86, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 16th March 1760.

Dear Sir.

We Gentlemen here and I have been speaking to General Stanwix about the Regiments recruiting accounts in Colonel Youngs paymastership. And the General seems both willing and desireous to State the case to General Amhurst, that a warrant may be granted for the payment of the Ballance of the said recruiting accounts to the Gentlemen: And indeed if the opportunity of General Stanwix's speaking to Genl. Amhurst be lost, I shall have some doubt about how we may succeed afterwards.

I have given the General a Copy of Mr. Leigtons, Colonel Youngs Clerk, account, as sent us last summer from Halifax, by Col. Youngs order, and likewise a Copy of Mr. Leigtons account of the Regiments Recruiting. By the latter you see the number of recruits that have been raised in America, and you have also the amount of the expence so that nothing is wanting but Genl. Amhursts warrant for the Ballance of £ 6576 1s 3d which is due to the regmt. on the recruiting account at £ 5 a man.

I know of no Regiment in the service that do not draw Five Pounds a man. We do now since Capt. Barnsley has been Paymaster, and if we did not we should be greatly out of pocket. That we did not do so before was intirely an omission of Col. Youngs, and by which the Gentlemen are so much hurt.

A warrant being granted for this money can be of no bad consequence, there is fund and fund enough to pay it. It is a separate article in the accounts of the Regiment, and can no ways affect one farthing other Col. Youngs general account with the Regiment. It is true it is a part of his account, but intirely unconnected with the other Parts, such as Subsistance &c &c. And as to the non-effective money, there is certainly good store some where.

I am with great respect

My dear Sir.
Your sincere friend And very obedt. humble Servt.

JNO. TULLEKEN

Colonel Bouquet.

(March 16, 1760)

P. S. 17th March 1760.

This letter I intended to send you by Mr. Low who was to have set out to day as I inform'd you in my last with the General. But wee yesterday had so great a fall of Snow and the weather to day little better, that it was impossible for the General to move, I now dont imagine he will be able to leave this for this Four or Five days to come; Adieu.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Tulleken
16th March 1760

(March 27, 1760)

CAPT. JAMES SINCLAIR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 90, A. L. S.]

Carlisle the 27th March 1760

Sir.

I have at last received certain intelligence of the General being upon the road, and as the Weather is so favourable I imagine he would not halt above one day at Bedford. I expect him here on Sunday or Monday at furthest.

The Demands in this Quarter is much encreased by the Large Quantities of Flower the Country have carried to Pittsburgh upon their own Acct. I have paid off a considerable number, but found them coming in so fast, I was under a necessity of stoping payment, as I should have left myself without a farthing. The Reason I give is, that as most of that Flower has been delivered since the expiration of the time advertised they are no longer entitled to so large a Price, and I must leave it to the General to determin how much is to be paid. Besides the people that have been with me,

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there is a great number now upon the road carrying out at their own risque, and many more stragling Acco.ts scattered about the Country which the people have neglected to bring in. I am therefore of Opinion, that when I leave this, it would be proper to put some Money in Capt. Byers's hands, and let him open a new Acco.t I think were we to advertise 50/s a hundred to be paid by him, for flower delivered at Pittsburgh before the midle of May, I ~~think~~ there would be a sufficient Quantity of Flower carried out, to supply all the extraordinary consumption occasioned by Indians.

I have settled and received all the Accompts of Forage & Pasture, and am this day to finish with Col.o Prather, which is the last of any Consequence. I have reduced every thing into the most distinct and shortest Method, and I am in hopes they will prove to your Satisfaction.

By leaving a full Memorandum with Captain Byers of every thing that remains to be done in this part of the Country, I expect I shall be able to accompany the General down, or very soon to follow him.

I have the honour to be with great Sincerity & Respect
Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servant

JAMES SINCLAIR

Col.o Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut.t Sinclair
27.th March 1760

[Addressed] On His Majesty's Service To Colonel Henry Bouquet at Philadelphia
Recomended to Capt. Schlosser to forward by the first opportunity}

(March 28, 1760)

BARNABAS HUGHES TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 92, A. L. S.]

[March 28, 1760.]

Dr Sir

I have been At Anapolis & have Securd the Place, But has not Got a deed (the deed was wrote & Mr Deleaney was free to Execute it To Me But I Choosd to Refer Tacking a deed until Such time As I Should have Your pleaser, in the Affair, As Your derecttions To Me, were to Geet the 700 Aycors put in the deed of the 2131 Aycors, & that I Could not Geet don, for Mr Deleaney Searchd 10 Bushels of papers & could not find his Sertificat for the Servea of the 700 Aycors). But I Got An Articel from Mr Deleaney, With Libberty to Enter on the place & to put in a Croap & oblidging him to Make Me a deed on the first day of May or Before, Cleer of All Incumberance, & wee Got out a Warrant for the vacant Land for feer that Somother person Should Geet a warrant for a Resurvea, if the new warrant will tacke place it will Save at Least £ 40 Captn Callender is to tacke Coll preather to The place & to Make Enquiry if there has been Anney Survea mead on Anney Land Adjoning the Larg trackt, if Anney Survea has been Mead then we must have Recourse to Mr Deleaneys old survea for mr Deleaney Quits All Clame to Anney part of it, & will doo All that Lays in his power in Assisting us in Geeting All the vacant Land adjoning, & to show that he wanted now Advantidg he Bound himself to me, & has Give me Libberty to Choos or Refuse. I wanted to Geet Mr Deleaney Bound to make Good the 700 Aycors, But, he would not Bee Bound, But has promisd to doo All he Can in Geeting a deed for it & Realy I Blive he will for he Seems to me to be a very honnest Man, he Could have parted wth the place Before I Got down, But he would not Treat wth Anney person until he had my Answer Captn Callend will Act Agreeubbil To your derections in Geeting a Spring Crop put in, & Geeting Reals Mead To fence the Medow I ad now more But I Am Sir

Your Humbel Servant

B. HUGHES

March the 28th 1760

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NB: by All Accounts I think Sir that You have Got the Best place in the three Provences, & I wish your honner Good of it

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Mr. P Hughes 22th March 1760

[Addressed] To Coll. Henry Bouquet in Philadelphia.

(April 1, 1760)

LIEUT. ARCHIBALD BLAINE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 94, A. L. S.]

Ligonier April 1st 1760

Sir

The Man who will deliver you this, brings alongst with him a Number of Shoes; which tho' the Men here, are much in need of, I could not [~~get~~] Buy; as the least he would sell any for, is 13/ a pr: Unluckily my Serjts at Stonnie Creek, has taken Seven pairs from him. I should therefore be glad to know, what Price you fix upon them at Fort Pitt, as I shall pay him in proportion.

But as I look upon him, as an imposing Scoundrel, it would give me Pleasure to see him, goods and all, escorted from Post to Post, down the Country, with orders for no Person to Purchase from him.

I hope you'll excuse me for writing my Sentiments so freely. And believe me

Sir
Your most Obedt Humble Servt.

ARCHd. BLAINE

(April 1, 1760)

P. S: I have now both Cabbages & Sallades above ground

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut Blane April 1st 1761*

[Addressed] To Henry Bouquet Esq.r Col.l in the Royal American Reg.ts, Commanding at Fort Pitt

(April 2, 1760)

MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 96, A. L. S.]

Fort Pitt 2.d April 1760.

Dear Sir.

The bearer of this letter to you is M.r John M.c Cullouge of the South Branch of the Province of Virginia. He yesterday arrived here with a large quantity of Spirits which he offer'd me to sell at Nineteen Shillings a gallon Pennsilvania Currency. There is Eighty Four Keggs of it Rum, And eighteen Keggs of it Whiskey. As I have no orders or directions given me concerning any thing of this nature, I did not think it would be prudent in me to take so large a quantity into the Kings Store, and upon the Kings account. I have therefore recommended him to you for what may be done.

Serj.t Clark tells me that the Keggs are eight Gallon Keggs, but says that many of them want he imagines a Pint and some a Quart of being full. In the mean time I have given M.r M.c Cullouge store room for it, till such time as I shall have your directions.

Colonel Bouquet.

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* This date in the endorsement is according to the photostat.

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I flatter myself that long before this reaches you General Stanwix will happily have got over the fatigue of his journey, and that he is well, And I beg that you will make my best respects to him.

Mr Henry Aland Dy Commisr of Stores and Provisions, with Mr Ormsby and Mr Connellan, haveing made a Survey at Pittsburgh the 29th of March, of all Stores and Provissions &c. I take this Opportunity of sending you a Copy of Mr Ormsbys return to me of what remain'd in Store the 1st instant.

The number of Person's that draw Provissions here is about seven hundred, exclusive of Indians. And of the latter I have had here since the day of the Generals going away full Three hundred, Two hundred of which came here not above Three hours after the Generals departure, And Mr Croghan being not yet return'd, tho' I wrote to him six or Eight days ago. I am still obliged to continue to feed them, They being mostly Shawanois from the lower Town, And insist upon seeing Mr Croghan before they depart, And these gentlemen, The Shawanois, inform me, that to their knowledge there will be here sometime in the Next Month, upwards of Four hundred Indians of different Nations to hold a council. Therefore, My dear Sir, I must beg that you will let me know wither I am or am not to feed all those that may come, as I have at present no orders about them.

I shall take it exceeding kind of You to let me know as soon as you can what is to become of us.

I am Dear Sir.
Your affectionate Friend
And very Obedt humble Servt

JNO TULLEKEN

[Endorsed] Major Tulleken 2d April 1760

(April 6, 1760)

CAPT. JOHN SCHLOSSER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 98, A. L. S.]

[Lancaster, April 6, 1760.]

Monsieur!

J'ai recû vôtre lettre du 4 courrant, je Suis charmé de Vôtre, heureu rétour à Philadelphie, je me doutois bien qu'étant plus aporté qu'aucun autre Bataillon nous continuerions a été employér au West n'importe, pourvû que le Battaillon Soit ensemble et que Vous restiés avec nous, Vous me promettez les articles dont je vous ai écrit pour fournir les 4 Compagnies, & je les attens avec Impatience. Le General desire que nous donassions des Vestes a nos Recruës conformement a ce que vous aviez également resolû, mais coñe je ne Sais pas Si Vous aves deja acheté ou commandé, le Drap boutons toile & fillet pour les dittes Vestes, je vous parle de cet article Seulement pour Vous enfaire Souvenir, il m'at également promit d'envoyer tout ce qu'il a d'accoutrements dans Son Store pour completter nos Compagnies. Il vouloit egalement decharger 2 hommes dont l'un a été Son Cuisinier, & comme il ne vouloit Signer les discharges, il me les fit demander a moi, croyant que j'en avois de Vous ou du Major mais ayant eployér celles du Major & congedient les gens attestés par Tomson, je vous prie de m'envoyer une demi douzaine en blanc dont je vous repondrai a tout heure

J'ai pris des arrangemens avec M^r. Shippen & Heytar pour avoir, des chariots, on m'en a promit 20 pour le 14 a partir d'ici le 15 d'Avril; pour du fourage il n'y en a point, mais M^r. Houps me promet que j'aurai de la farinne assez, & en 10 jours de plus on veut m'en fournir encore 20 autres chariots Si je veus les avoir, Sans parler d'un autre homme qui peut en fournir a peu près autant, de Sorte que vous avez tout le'temps de m'ordonner ce que je dois faire jusquà votre arrivee.

Benting est arrivé ici avec le General Jinken étoit Sur le Point de le relever, mais coñe le General parloit de relever tout le detachement il a demeuré ici, & cependent je n'ai pas encore reçû des ordres pour le faire, jè crois que vôtre lettre l'afait changer de Sentiment. Basset est parti pour Pittsburgh le 5 & au moment de Son arrivee on dit que Gordon le Capt: partira pour venir à Philad: on dit de même qu'au premiers jours, M^r. oury doit arriver ici, pour le Major jè ne Sais S il peut partir avant ou'il ne fut relevé, je Suis Sensiblement touché de sa perte, d'autant, qu'on

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n'attends pas à grand chose dans le nouveau Major que Capt: Etherington remplit, le Capt: Campbel a été quelque jours ici mais est parti ce matin de même que Cochran. J'ai l'honneur d'être avec bien du Respect

Mon mon Colonel
Le très humble & très obeissant Serviteur

J: SCHLOSSER
Capt.

Lancaster April le 6me 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt. Shlosser 6e Avril 1760

[Addressed] on His Majestys Service To Henry Boucquet Esqr Colonel of the 1st Batt: of the Royal American Regiment & D: Q: M: General at Philadelphia

[TRANSLATION]

[Lancaster, April 6, 1760.]

Sir:

I received your letter of the 4th of the present month. I am pleased with your happy return to Philadelphia. I have no doubt indeed, that being nearer than any other battalion, we shall continue, by summer, to march toward the west regardless, provided that the battalion may be together, and that you remain with us. You promise me the articles which I ordered from you to supply the 4 companies, and I await them with impatience. The General desires that we give each recruit a jacket conforming to what you have both decided upon. But as I do not know if you have already bought or ordered the cloth buttons, linen cloth and thread for these said

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jackets, I speak of this article only to remind you of it. He has likewise promised to send all the uniforms he has in his store to outfit our companies. He wishes to discharge two men, of which one was his cook, and as he did not want to sign the discharges, he asked me to do so, believing I had some forms from you or the Major: but having used the one from the Major in discharging those certified by Thomson, I beg of you to send me a half dozen blanks, of which I will presently give you an account.

I have made arrangements with Mr. Shippen and Heyter about getting some waggons. They promised me 20 for the 14th to leave here the 15th of April for forage. There is none, but Mr. Hoops promises that I shall have enough flour and in 10 days at the most, they will furnish me with 20 other Waggons if I want them, without speaking of another man who can supply me as many more on short notice, so that you will have plenty of time to give me your orders of what I must do until your arrival.

Benting arrived here with General Jinken, who was on the point of relieving him, but as the General spoke of relieving the whole detachment he remained here. However, I haven't as yet received any order to do so. I believe your letter changed his opinion. Basset left for Pittsburgh the 5th, and at the time of his arrival, it is said that Captain Gordon will leave to go to Philadelphia. It is said, likewise, that at any time Mr. Ourry should arrive here. As for the Major I do not know if he can depart until he is relieved. I am very sorry to lose him; the more so because we do not expect any great things of the new Major whom Captain Etherington knew. Captain Campbel has been here several days, but left this morning, as did Cochrane. I have the honor to be with much respect,

My Colonel's
Most humble and most obedient servant,

J. SCHLOSSER, Capt:

Lancaster, April 6, 1760.

(April 7, 1760)

CAPT. JOHN SCHLOSSER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 100, A. L. S.]

[Lancaster, April 7, 1760.]

Mon Colonel!

Mes recrues étant assez avancé dans l'Exercice & passé par la Charge, j'ai commencé aujourd'hui à les faire tirer homme par homme une couple de coups à poudre seulement, pour les faire mieux executer les temps & les mouvements & leurs oter un peu la timidité dans le feu, je continuerai à cet heure à les faire faire l'Exercice avec de la poudre & ensuiote ferai tirer le tout au blanc mais comme pour ce faire il me faut des bales je n'en peu en rien faire jusqu'a ce qu'Vous m'en ayez envoyé de Philadelphie Selon que vous l'aviez resolû, je suis dans le meme cas pour du Papier & ficelle.

Il est arrivé aujourd'hui un transport de Recruits de Mr Stouart de Virginy, il me marque qu'il y en a 14 mais il n'y en a que douze, il Se plaint d'avoir écrit dejà plusieurs lettres à Cochran qu'il croit commander à Lancaster, Sans avoir reçû de Reponse, mais jè lui repondrai sur Sa derniere.

Comme en vous écrivant pour les petits necessaires de nos Compagnies jetois passablement pourvû de quasi toutes les differentes Sortes, & qu'outre cela j'avois commandé 3 Semaines au paravant des boucles de Souliers, de Jaretieres & de Colls, je n'en ai point mis pour moi dans la Specification que je vous envoya, mais comme le marchand qui devoit me les apporter est revenû aujourd'hui Sans, je me vous obligé de Vous écrire a ce Sujet, pour Vous prier de m'en faire tenir 2 douzaines de Souliers & de Jaretieres mais seulement une douz. de Colls, le General n'est pas parti aujourd'hui comme je croyais, mais dit de partir demain.

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J'ai l'honneur d'être avec bien du Respect

De mon Colonel
Le très humble & très obedient Serviteur

J. SCHLOSSER

Lancaster le 7. Avril 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap.t Shlosser
7.e Avril 1760.

[Addressed] On His Majestys Service To Henry Bouquet Esq.r Colonel of the 1st Bat: of the Royal american Regiment at: Philadelphia

[TRANSLATION]

[Lancaster, April 7, 1760.]

My Colonel:

Our recruits being well advanced in drill exercise, and taught to charge, I have begun today to have each man, one after another, fire a couple of shots only, to teach them to judge the time and movements better, and to give them confidence under fire. I shall now continue to have them drill with powder, and later to shoot with blanks, but in order to do this, I must have bullets. I can do nothing until you have sent me some from Philadelphia, as you decided on. I am also in need of paper and string.

A Transport of recruits arrived today from M.r Stuart of Virginia. He writes me that there are 14, but there are only twelve. He complains of having already written several letters to Cochrane, whom he believes in command at Lancaster, without having received a reply, but I will answer his last. Since writing to you for the small necessities for our Companies, I was fairly well provided with almost everything, and besides I had ordered 3 weeks before some shoe buckles, garters and Collars. I have not ordered any for

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my self in the [illegible] relation I sent you but as the merchant who was to bring them returned today without them, I am obliged to write you on this subject, to request you to forward me 2 dozen shoes and garters and only one dozen Collars. The General did not leave today as I thought, but says he will go tomorrow.

I have the honor to be with great respect.
Your Colonel's
Most humble and most obedient servant.

J. SCHLOSSER

Lancaster, April 7, 1760.

(April 17, 1760)

CAPT. JOHN SCHLOSSER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 102, A. L. S.]

[Lancaster, April 17, 1760.]

Mon Colonel!

J'ai reçû Vôtre honoré du 15 current & vous dirai en Réponsé, que la même date de vôtre lettre J'ai envoyé 12 Chariots chargé d'habillement pour Bedford & Pittsburg & de farine pour Carlile ou ils devoient prendre du fourage mais n'ayant pas encore de Réponce de cette Place & ne Sçavant pas qui S. m^le de ces sortes de choses a Carlile pendant l'absence de Mr Sinclair & Hups. je ne Sçurois dire Si l tout a été exécuté Suivant le plan. Mr Hayter m'a promit de m'en faire voir encore 20 jusqu'au 25 de ce mois mais je doute qu'il puisse les fournir tous: Un autre homme qui a été Wagon Master l'année passé depuis Philadelphi jusqu'à Bedford & nomé Jacob Money m'en promet encore 20 jusqu'en 15 jours d'ici qui Sera aux environ 1 2 d may, mais Sa condition est comme il en fournit deux des Siens de les accompagner lui même en qualité de Wagon Mastre je lui ai dit les Conditions et de les apprettter, etant Sure qentretems je pourrai avoir vôtre Réponsé Si vous l'approuvés.

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Les boeuf de Carlile Sont egalement deja parti ou nombre de 60, a ceque me dit le Clerk de Mr Hups ici, Il y en a encore ici une 20^taine mais je n'en ai pas voulû disposer Sans Vos ordres possitives, croyant que pour le present ils peuvent S'en passer à Pittsburg. Pour de la farine on pourra enfournir ici assez pour tous les Chariots qu'on l'aura Successivement.

J'ai écris immediatement au Capt: Oury pour un ordre pour du fourage pour les Chariots ou plustôt les Chevaux & J'ai de même envoyé vôtre ordre a tous les poster à l'egard du Debleyement des Chemins & les Escortes.

J'ecrirai demain au Lieutenant Stewart come vous le Souhaitez J'ai fait juger l'Echarpe par nos Messieurs, ils croyent qu'elle ne peut pas valoir plus de deux livres Sterling tout au plus Si vous trouvez celà Suffire je vous Serois très obligé de les payer, vous en Serez rembourse dès vôtre arriveé.

Comme je n'ai pas eu le temps de vous faire avoir par cette ne nombre des Vestes qu'il nous faut pour les Rercuës, je vous l'envoyerai dans ma premiere, parceque je ne voulois pas laisser echaper cette occasion pour vous repondre Sur le Champ. J'ai l'honneur d'être avec Respect.

De mon Colonel
Le très humble & très obeissant Serviteur

J: SCHLOSSER:

Lancaster Avril le 17me 1760

P: S: J'ai oublie a vous demander Si vous avez besoin de gens de mêtier en en ce cas il y at ici un Excellent Marechal, capable atravailler en toute Sorte d'ouvrage ou dessus Sa profession, il y en a un autre bon ouvrier aussi, qui ma demandé d'aller avec nous croyant que j'etois chargé d'engager des gens de metiers.

[Endorsed] Capt Shlosser 17th April 1760

[Addressed] On His Majestys Service To Henry Bouquet Esqr Colonel of the 1st Bataillon of the Royal american Regiment at Philadelphia

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[TRANSLATION]

[Lancaster, April 17, 1760.]

My Colonel:

I received your honored letter of the 15th of the present month and shall say in reply, that on the same date as your letter I sent 12 wagons loaded with Clothing for Bedford and Pittsburgh and with flour for Carlisle, where they were to take on forage; but not yet having had an answer from there, and having no idea who is dabbling with things of this sort at Carlisle during the absence of Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Hoops, I could not say if everything has been carried out according to plan. Mr. Heyter has promised to let me have 20 more to the 25th of this month, but I doubt if he can furnish all of them. Another man named Jacob Money, who was wagon master last year from Philadelphia to Bedford, also promises me 20 more in two weeks from now, which will be about May 2, but on condition that since he is furnishing two of his own wagons he is to accompany them himself as wagon master. I have told him the conditions and to prepare himself, being sure that in the meantime I shall be able to have your answer if you approve of the idea. Sixty cattle from Carlisle have likewise gone. From what Mr. Hoop's clerk here tells me, there is still a score of them here, but I did not wish to dispose of them without positive orders from you, believing that for the present they can get along without them at Pittsburgh. As for the flour, enough can be furnished here, so that all the wagons can be supplied successively.

I wrote immediately to Captain Curry for an order for forage, for the wagons or rather for the horses, and I have also sent your order to all the posts in regard to the clearing of the roads, and the escorts.

I shall write tomorrow to Lieutenant Stewart, as you wish. I have had the escarp judged by our gentlemen; they say it cannot be worth more than two pounds sterling at the very most. If you find that is enough I should be very much obliged if you would pay them. You will be reimbursed on your arrival.

As I have not had time to let you know in this letter the number of jackets we need for the recruits I will inform you in my

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next, as I did not want to let pass this opportunity to answer you immediately.

I have the honor to be with respect,
My Colonel's
Most humble and most obedient servant,

J. SCHLOSSER

Lancaster, April 17, 1760.

P. S. I forgot to ask you if you need mechanics. If you do there is an excellent marshall here capable of working at any kind of work or at his trade. There is another good workman also, who asked me to allow him to go with us, thinking I had charge of hiring tradesmen.

(April 19, 1760)

CAPT. JOHN NICK WETTHERHOLT TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 104, A. L. S.]

Lancaster April 19.th 1760

Honorable Sr

Yesterday I arrived here with Thirteen Recruites, which is past the Review Tho I have Loser Greatly by Deserters: I Enlisted Several Old Fellows which was Unfit for the Service; but with an Intent that they might get Others fitting to Supply their places; which some did and I Discharg'd 'em Immediately; and Others has not which I Should take it a favour if your Honour would let me know whether I cant make 'em pay the Cost they put me to and Likewise as there is Eight or Nine Deserted from me I Should be Glad if you would be pleas'd to Send me a Written Order for taking them where

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I am [illegible] I discharge'd none but Old Fellows, and Such as I am certain will not pass the Review: If I Can but raise my Self whole I shall be Satisfied, for I have Recruited with my own Money not receiving a Farthing from any Officer in the Service. I have four Recruits not come to Town yet Three is after the Deserters and One Sick

Sr. I will forward the Service as much as Possible: An answer from you by the first Opportunity will Oblige

Your Most Humble Servant

JOHN NICK. WETHERHOLT

PS. there is one Fellow Deserted and Stole a Horse Bridle & Saddle Valued at Sixteen pounds which I had Impress'd to Send Orders from the Recruiting party to another

J N. W.

[Endorsed] Letter from Capt. Wetherholt 19th April 1760

(April 20, 1760)

EDWARD SHIPPEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 105, A. L. S.]

Lancaster the 20th April 1760

Dear Sir

Your two agreeable Favours of the 15th Instant I received. Christian Hyter went off last week with fifteen waggons loaded with Cloathing & Flour for Bedford & Pittsburg: And the day before yesterday I sent for Abraham Bare Waggon Master, who has promised to

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prepare a large Brigade of Waggons with the utmost dispatch to be loaded also in ye same manner for the Same Places. John Flutz is at his Plantation in Maryland, but I have sent him two Letters to come home, to collect his Waggons immediately. And I have prepared some advertisements for more Waggoners to come in to Captain Schlosser and my self; and I shall use my Interest in every other respect to obtain as many more Waggons as possible. Your Letter for Capt. Ourry I forwarded early Yesterday morning by Express according to your directions under the Superscriptions Inclosed you have George Grazingers acco^t^ wherein he makes a balance of £ 23 - 4 - due to him, which please to take Care of. I also inclose his Receipt to you for £ 10. 17/. If Draxel does not bring me the key of your Chest in a day or two I Shall send the Chest down as it is, and also take particular care in sending your Vouchers too. I Shall make all ye dispatch in my power in collecting the Accounts belonging to my Department and bring them with me with proper power to settle for such Persons who cannot spare ye time to ride down to Philad^a^ I conclude very respectfully

D^r^ S^r^

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

EDW^d^: SHIPPEN

P S I intend to down [----] in a few days.

Col^o^ Bouquet

[Endorsed] Letter from Mr Shippen 20th April 1760

[Addressed] To Colonel Henry Bouquet Esqr Philadelphia To be left at Mr Thomas Willings Merchant in 3^d^ Street

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HUGH WALLACE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 107, A. L. S.]

Newyork 21 April 1760

Dr Sir

I sent your Two Boxes p Geo: Ellis in a Coasting Sloop the 16th Instt to the Care of Mr Willing & hope they are arrived safe. I recd for the Two Bills you sent me

Pensilvn 9	£	140: -: -
Inclosed is my Bill on Conyngham & Nesbitt		137: -: -
Balls	£	3: -: -

which is laid out vizt

Freight of yr Goods from London I paid	£	2. 4. 6
Postage of Letters		----:18: 6
Carting yr Goods to & from Vessell		---- 1: -
York Money.	£	3: 4: -

so the Accots is Exactly ballanced. Inclosed I send you the Cover of one of yr Letters to me, for which alone I paid 10s/. postage. I had yr Order to supply Capt Gually's Lady with some Cash, & have done it, but I dont charge it in yr Acco: at present, as I fancy they intend to pay it, tho' I still look on you as accountable to me for it. I shall always be proud of any Oppertunity to serve you, being verry much

Dr Sir
Your most obed Sert

HUGH WALLACE

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Wallace's Letter 21st April 1760

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CAPT. JOHN SCHLOSSER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 108, A. L. S.]

[Lancaster, April 23, 1760.]

Mon Colonel!

J'ai l'honneur de Vous accuser la Reception du Camp Equipage avec le Drap pour les leggens, les Jaretieres rouge les Cocardes &ca mais les boucles ne sont pas encore arriveés, j'ai fait donner tout aux Compagnies excepte le Camp Equipage, que je reserve jusquà l'ordre de marche, j'aurai été charme de Savoir comment vous Souhaites avoir les leggens faites Si elles doivent être garnies de rouge come nos verdes etoient, ou Si on ne mettra de rouge que les jaretieres de même je voudrois bien Savoir, Si je dois a la premiere occasion, envoyer tout ce qui est destiné pour Bedford & Pittsburg ou Si nous prendrons tout avec nous on montant nous mêmes.

Un Certain Mr Clary Campbel cy devant officier dans la Compagnie du Capt Mather Pensylvanien, est veny m'offrir 20 Chariots pour le Service du Roy, sur les Conditions que Vous m'aves presentes, avec cette Reserve neantmoins, qu'il en Seroit lui même le Wagon Master il les promet pour le 1e 2d ou 3me de May et come vous avez laisse le nombre des Chariots illimités, je crû devoir les accepter, cependent je lui dit que pour l'Employ de Wagenmaster, je me reservois votre approbation. Un autre m'est venû egalement demander la même chose, & lorsque je voulû l'accepter il m'a demande 3 ou 4 jours voir après les Chariots & qu'alors il me viendroit dire la Reponse possitive;

Faites nous envoyer S'il vous plait des bâles & ficelle pour faire les Charges dont je voudrois pourvoir les Saldats le jour avant nôtre depart; item pour tirer au blanc, nous avons Excercé a feu avec les Compagnies jointes & nous avons de même tire une fois au blanc & nous avons justement assez de bales pour tirer une Seconde fois. La Desertion qui Se met dans nos Recrues me fait juger, que la Leveé des Provinciaux nous les arrache directement ou indirectement. C'est pourquoi je prens la liberté de vous donner a considerer, S'il ne convenoit pas de demander au General un Warrant pour pouvoir tenir a l'occasion un General Court Martial, afin de faire Servir quelqu'un d'Exemple aux autres, car en joignant une couples de Provinciaux, nous aurions assez d'officiers vous present en qualité de Commandent, pour tenir cette Cour. Je Serois charmé de Savoir

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en quel temps vous comptés d'être ici, Si vous n'en faites point de secret.

J'ai l'honneur d'être avec Respect.

De mon Colonel
Le très humble & très obeissant Serviteur

J: SCHLOSSER:

Lancaster le 23 d'Avril 1760.

P: S: J'ai oublié de Vous dire que j'ai envoyé la Tabelle Mensuelle a Mr Barnely pour vous, afin qu'il puisse au precis voir l'état effectif des 4 Compagnies et avoir le Warrand pour le Paye Et comme j'ai refusé aux Provinciaux de battre la caisse en ville pour recruter, je vous Seroit obligé de me dire Si j'ai bien ou mal fait, nos officiers Sont la pluspart de mon Sentiment, mais dans une recherche, je ne Sai rien apruver mon procedé, Si non la Coutume.

SCHLOSSER

[Endorsed] Capt. Schlosser 23d April

[Addressed] On his Majesty's Service to Henry Bouquet, Esqr Colonel of the 1st Bat: of the Royal American Regiment at Philadelphia.

[TRANSLATION]

[Lancaster, April 23, 1760.]

My Colonel:

I have the honor to inform you of receiving the camp equipment with cloth for the leggings, the red garters, the cockades, and etc., but the buckles have not yet arrived. I have had all the things distributed among the companies except the camp equipment, which I am holding in reserve until we receive orders to march. I shall be glad to know how you want the leggings made; if they are

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to be trimmed in red as our green ones were, or if they are to be made of the same shade of red as the garters. I should like to know if, at the first opportunity, I am to send everything intended for Bedford and Pittsburgh, or if we are to take them with us when we go up.

A certain Mr. Clary Campbell, a former officer in Captain Mather's Company, a Pennsylvanian, has come to offer me 20 wagons for the King's service on the conditions you proposed to me, with this reservation, however, that he himself should be wagonmaster. He promises them for the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd of May. Since you left the number of wagons unlimited, I thought I should accept them. Nevertheless I told him that in regard to hiring a wagonmaster, I would have to await your approval. Another person has also come to me with a similar proposition. When I wished to accept his offer, he asked for 3 or 4 days in which to procure the wagons, at which time he would give me a definite answer.

Have some shot and twine sent to us please, for making charges which I would like to give the Soldiers the day before our departure, in time to fire some blank cartridges. We have practiced firing with the companies united and we have likewise used blank cartridges once, and have just fired shots a second time. The desertion among our recruits makes me think that the levy of the provincials takes them from us directly or indirectly. That is why I take the liberty of asking you to consider if it would not be well to ask the General for a Warrant, so as to be able, when necessary, to hold a Court Martial in order to make a few serve as an example to the others; for by joining a couple of provincials, we will have enough officers present with you in the capacity of commander to hold this Court. I would be delighted to know when you count on being here, or is that a secret?

I have the honor to be with respect.
My Colonel's
Most humble and most obedient servant,

J. SCHLOSSER

P. S. I forgot to tell you that I sent the manual to you through Mr. Barnsley, so that you will know the exact strength of the 4 Companies and have authorization for the pay. Since I have forbidden the provincials to beat the drums in the city, to attract recruits, I should be glad if you would tell me whether I am right or wrong. Our officers mostly agree with me but in an investigation, I know of nothing to excuse my procedure but custom.

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[illegible] COCHRAN TO [illegible] HENRY BOUQUET

[illegible] Add. [illegible] 21649, f. 110, [illegible] L. C.]

[Carlisle, April 25, 1760.]

Dear Sir

George Russell was yesterday tried for Stealing money having himself insisted on his trials coming on at this time, which made me hope him innocent; he was found guilty of having stole 5sh & his Sentence was to receive 20 lashes a month hence. A Soldier's being whipped by the Civil power is a thing I never heard of, I have applyd to have this remitted which is So Small a punishment it could Serve no end, & would be a disgrace to the Army: & I myself should be greatly blamed for not managing matters so as to prevent the Civil Magistrate's laying hold of him, nor will I, wherever I have Any command, deliver up to the Civil Magistrate Any man not guilty of a Capital Crime, or for a debt of £10 ster. I have had pretty good Success in Recruiting & shall send to morrow eleven or 12 Recruits to Lancaster. this trial has kept me from going to Maryland as yet, but I propose to set out to morrow. I am,

Dear Sir,
Your most Obedt & most humble Servt

ALEXR COCHRAN

Carlisle April 25th 1760

[Endorsed] Capt Cochran 25th April 1760

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CAPT. JOHN SCHLOSSER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 111, A. L. S.]

[Lancaster, April 29, 1760.]

Mon Colonel!

Monsieur Benting ayant decouvert en revenant de Philadelphia & prit un Deserteur du 48me Regim^{t} qu'il a mit en Prison ici, or Comme ce Regiment est ce me Semble a Quebecque, et qu'il y auroit bien de la difficulté à l'y envoyer. Si la Chose pouvoit se faire je crois que le plus cout Seroit d'ecrire au Regiment & garder l'homme jusqu'a ce que joignassion, Mr Benting ne croit pas qu'il passera par un General Court Martial, pour des Raisons qu'il croit être favorables au Prisonier.

Nous avons distribué tous nos petits necessaires, et il Se trouve, qui nous manque encore tout cequi est marqué dans la petite Specification, que nous vous prions de voul^{r} ordonner pour nous, Il y a dans les boucles tant de mauvaises, que j'en ai dejà envoyé faire reparer plusieurs ici. Cest qu'elle ne sont vuës de Personne avant qu'on les envoye.

Il ne va pas si vitte avec les Chariots que je croyois cependent le Waguemaître Bear ma fait Raport, qu'il en avoit actuellement 20 pour le 15 de même que le Waguemaitre Campbel Ses 20. je crois que nous auront touts ceux qui ont été offert, mais ils differreront dans les jours que nous les attendons. Je Suis a cet egard en pour plusieurs autre demandes que je vous ai faites beaucoup en peine dè n'avoir pas eu un mot de Reponce depuis longtemps. J'ai l'honneur d'être avec Respect

De Mon Colonel
Le très humble et très obeissant Serviteur

J: SCHLOSSER

Lancaster le 29 Avril 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt Schlosser
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[TRANSLATION]

[Lancaster, April 29, 1760.]

My Colonel:

On returning from Philadelphia, Monsieur Benting discovered and took a deserter belonging to the 48th Regiment, whom he put in prison here. It seems to me that this Regiment is now in Quebec and that there would be some difficulty in sending him there. If it could be arranged, the best way I believe would be to write to the Regiment to keep the man until we join it: Mr. Benting does not believe that he will be court martialed, for reasons which he thinks are favorable to the prisoner.

We have distributed all our smaller necessities and we find that we still lack everything marked in the small specification, which we beg you to be good enough to order for us. So many of the buckles are defective that I have already sent some of them to be repaired here. The reason for this is, that they are not inspected before they send them.

We are not making as much progress with the wagons as I thought. However, wagon master Bear reported to me that he actually had 20 ready for the 15th; wagon master Campbel also has 20. I believe we shall have all that have been offered, but they will be delayed at the time we expect them. I am in this regard, on account of several other requests I have made you, greatly troubled not to have had a word in reply for some time.

I have the honor to be with respect,

My Colonel,
Your most humble and most obedient servant,

J. SCHLOSSER

Lancaster, April 29, 1760.

[Endorsed] Capt. Schlosser, April 29, 1760.

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CAPT. JOHN SCHLOSSER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 112, A. L. S.]

Lancaster Le 5 de May 1760

Mon Colonel!

Je me vois obligé de vous donner Connoissance que depuis que les Provinciaux ont commencé leurs leveés, la Desertion augmente a un tel degrez que nous perdons tous les jours quelques hommes nous en avons perdu 5 depuis hier au Soir, nous avons retrouvé les habits de plusieurs dans les bois, même nous avons decouvert dans des arbres creux des habillements de couleur pour les travestir, je Suis quasi Sure que la cruelle misericorde de l'anne passé en pardonnant ceux qui nous avoient quittés et pris partie chez les Provinciaux les engage d'en faire autant cette anneé cy. C'est pourquoi Si vous me permettés Monsieur de vous dire mon Sentiment Sans faire l'Entendû. Je crois que Vous pouvez leurs otter l'esperance d'un Pardon General, qui ordinairement leurs permet de rester où ils Sont au tempa de la publication, Si vous ecriviez un mot au General, qui doit faire publier ce Pardon comme il n'y a que du raisonable, je ne pense pas qu'il refusera d'exclure ceux par exemple qui ont Desertés depuis le 1r May. Et come les Juges des lieux ne font pas leurs de Voirs, puisque les deserteurs Sont tout ouvertement dans les Plantations & les Villages Sans qu'ils S'en mêlent a moins qu'ils Soient decouvert par quelque Militaire, et même que les gens du Païs les debauchent; il me Semble que Si le Gouverneur envoyoit publier dans la Campagne, que tel home qui seroit decouvert d'avoir engagé un Deserteur seroit cassé, & les Païsants convencus de les avoir logés seroit mis a tel ou tel amande & nous conserverions une quantité d'homes de plus.

Aujourd'hui c'est le jour que j'attendois l'arriveé de 25 Chariots par Clary Campbel, qui me les avoit deja promit pour le 1r du Currant. mais il m'est venû dire tout au matin, qu'il avoit 23 Chariots prets; mais que les Charetiers avoient été détournés par les Magistrads des lieux, pretendant qu'on devoit en demander autant par chacqs TownShip &C: je lui ai repondu que je leurs tiendrois Parole Sur chacque article dont jetois autorisé, mais que jè n'irois pás plus loin, la dessus le pretendu Waguemaster Campbel, m'a dit qu'il vous iroit voir vous même Sur le Champ, c'est ce que j'ai confirmé ne pouvant rien faire par moi même.

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Comme c'est aujourd'hui lundi, J'ai pris ce jour la pour Camper, nous avons porté les tentes &C: dehors tout au matin, alors nous y avons mené les gens avec armes & Bagage, après avoir formé les ruës des Compagnies, nous tendimes les tentes tout à la fois, cela fait nous deployymes le Bagage & le Visitanes, après cela les armes, tout est dans un assez bon ordre, mais nous devrions avoir outre les Carpentiers une couples de haches par Compagnie, ce soir je ferai detendre les tentes & les ferai loger, & apres le retour de ceux qui les doivent porter, je ferai rentrer le monde.

J'ai l'honneur d'être avec Respect

De mon Colonel
Le très humble & très obeissant Serviteur

J: SCHLOSSER
Capt:

[Endorsed] Capne Schlosser 5th May 1760

[Addressed] On His Majestys Service to Henry Bouquet Esqr Colonel of the 1st Bataillon of the Royal American Regiment &C at Philadelphia

[TRANSLATION]

Lancaster, May 5, 1760.

My Colonel:

I find myself obliged to inform you that since the provincials have started their levies, desertion is increasing to such an extent that we are losing some men every day. We have lost five since last evening. We have found the clothes of several of them in the woods; we have also found in a hollow tree colored clothing to be used as a disguise. I am almost sure that the mistaken

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kindness last year of pardoning those who left us and took sides with the provincials, will induce them to do the same this year. That is why, if you permit me, Sir, to tell you my opinion without seeming presumptuous, I believe that you should take from them the hope of a general pardon which ordinarily permits them to remain where they are at the time of the proclamation. If you would write to the General who is to publish this pardon, as it is only reasonable, I do not think he will refuse to exclude, for example, those who have deserted since the first of May: whereas the Judges of these places are not fulfilling their duties, since the deserters appear openly on the plantations and in the villages where they are not interfered with until they are discovered by some soldier. And even though the people of the country entice them away, it seems to me if the Governor made known throughout the country that any one found to have hired a deserter would be reduced to the ranks and the country men convicted of having harbored them would be fined a certain amount, we could keep a great many more men.

This is the day I expected the arrival of 25 wagons from Clary Campbel, who had already promised them to me for the first of the present month. He came to tell me early this morning that he had 23 wagons ready, but the wagoners had been detained by the Magistrates of the place, claiming that they had to ask a certain amount for each township, etc. I told him that I would keep my word with them in regard to every article for which I was authorized, but that I could not go farther. Thereupon, the so-called wagon master Campbel said that he would immediately go to see you, himself. I approved of this, not being able to do anything myself. As today is Monday, I have decided to camp. We carried the tents, etc., outside early this morning, then we brought there the men with arms and baggage: after having formed streets of the Companies, we laid out all the tents at once; that finished, we opened the baggage and inspected it; after that the arms. Every thing is in fairly good order, but we should have, besides the carpenters, a couple of axes for each Company. This evening I shall have the tents stretched and set up, and after the return of those who are to carry them, I will have the men return. I have the honor of being with respect,

My Colonel's
Most humble and most obedient servant,

J. SCHLOSSER
Capt.

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COL. WILLIAM BYRD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 114, A. L. S.]

[Winchester, May 10, 1760.]

My Dear Colonel

I am very sorry to find that Maj^r Stewart is order'd to join the R. A. R. so soon, as my parting with him at this Time will be attended with very great inconveniency, As I have many Regimental Accounts &c to settle wherein he will be very usefull to me. I have therefore presumed so far on your Friendship as to take upon me to stop him for a few Days. If what I have done is dissagreable to you, you can shortly write up again so that I hope the Service will not suffer by it.

I wait with great impatience for my Orders to proceed upwards where I please myself with the thoughts of seeing you very soon. I wish to God I coud be certainly inform'd before I leave this Place whether or no we are to be employ'd altogether on the Works at Pittsburgh & in opening Roads that far, because if we were not to proceed towards the Lake I woud send as many Men as coud possibly be spared to the South West Frontier, where the Cherokees continue to make horrid Devestation, & I dare say whole Countys will very soon be abandon'd.

We have a Report (which I can not believe) that General Stanwix is to command again in this Quarter, I shall be vastly obliged to you if you will tell me some particulars relating to our Campaign, for I find the Great can change their Minds as well as the Small.

I am My Dear Colonel
Your Most Obd^t & Most H^ble Ser^t

W BYRD

Winchester May 10th 1760.

P. S. I wish you coud spare Stewart 'till we join at Ohio.

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MAJOR PREVOST TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 116, A. L. S.]

[New York, May 10, 1760.]

Mon Cher Collonel vous avez vu par ma derniere que je ne m'attendois pas a l'arrivée imprevue de mon frere dans ce pays & je ne doute point que la lettre qu'il vous ecrivit d'icy il y a quelques jours ne vous ait beaucoup Surprise: en effet de le voir arriver icy pouer Savoir a Son Regim.t est un ideé qui ne m'est pas encore bien familiere, mais rien Cependant n'est Si vrai, il vous en a ecrit les raisons & cy joint Sont des papiers quil ma laissé pour vous en envoyer des Copies, il Souhaitte que vous lui envoyer une des Requete Signée a double, une quil en verra & une qu'il conte d'Emporter, j'en ferai de même en egard de nos Mess.rs a Quebec, Je n'ai point eu de reponse a ma Requette au General & je pars incontinent apres avoir fermé celle cy, il y a des nouvelles icy d'Oswego du 24.e Avril le Battaillon Se rétablit extraordinairem.t vite, je vous Souhaite une heureuse Campagne & je reste toujours

Mon cher Collonel
Votre tres humble Serviteur

PREVOST

Newyork le 10.e May 1760

[Endorsed] Major Prevost 10th May 1760

[TRANSLATION]

[New York, May 10, 1760.]

My dear Colonel:

In my last letter I informed you of the unexpected arrival of my brother in this country, and I have no doubt that the letter he wrote you from here several days ago was a great surprise to you. In fact to see him arrive here to get acquainted with his regiment

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is an idea which still seems strange to me, but nevertheless, there is nothing more true. He has written you his reasons and here enclosed are papers which he left for me to send you copies. He desires you to send him one of the applications signed in duplicate, one of which he will forward and one that he intends to take with him. I will do likewise in regard to our gentlemen in Quebec. I have had no reply from my request to the General. I am leaving immediately after bringing this to a close. There is some news here from Detroit, dated April 24. That battalion is reestablishing itself very quickly. I wish you a successful campaign, and remain,

My dear Colonel, as always,
Your very humble servant,

MONCET

New York May 10, 1760.

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L. DELLIENT TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 118, A. L. S.]*

[Walnut Hill, May 10, 1760.]

Monsieur

C'est avec beaucoup de regret que je me Suis privé d'avoir l'honneur de vous ecrire Jusques a présent, cependant; nonobstant que je n'aye aucune bonne nouvelle a vous mander pour m'aquiter de mon devoir & vous assurer de mes humbles obeissances, J'auray l'honneur de vous faire un petit détail de ma gestion dans cette affaire (Sublaude) depuis votre départ de Charles Town. Premierem^t Je fus envoyé a Goffy hall p^r en avoir le maniement, ce que j'ay executé assés mal par les diverses commandements que Je recevois de 3 Personnes qui bien rarement S'accordoit dans leurs opinions, & par consequent Jamais au rien ce qui me mettoit dans la necessité de laisser courir l'eau

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par le bas, contre la grande envie que J'avois de montrer mon entier devouement par mon application aux Interets de ces messieurs: ensuite après avoir resté là Jusques au mois de Juin ensuite l'on m'envoys a 22 miles de la ville avec une 10ne de negroes pour planter, & pour m'eloigner des affaires, ce que J'ay executé au depend de ma Seanté Sans aucun Succés que celuy de la depence; Chose qui n'est point Surprenants puisque cetoit dans le temps que tout les planteurs ont fini Un mois auparavant, & il falloit ensuite faire par maniere de dire un nouveau etablissement, dans cette Saison, Si avancée; J'y fus Jusques en 8bre, temps auquel Mr Gd mouru que Je revins en ville pr. 8 Jours; Dés lors Je fus envoye icy pour cette place & pour envoyer pr May, & mettre a Sa place un Jeune homme appelle Wm Curtley, très brave Garçon & bon planteur; lequel a resté icy avec moy jusques en mars temps auquel il fut envoyé avec 20 Negroes à port Royal pr planter cette année Seulement: Je ne doute nullement que Si la Saison est favorable; il ne fasse une très bonne recolte d'Indigo & provisions, le terrein étant très bon.

Nous avons planté icy 33 acres d'Indico, qui est deja mort per la Secherresse ensorte qu'il n'y aura point d'Indico a Walnut hill, mais J'espere avec le secour de Dieu que nous ferons passablement de Ris & de provision, pour peu que la Saison Soit favorable. il y a 100 Acres de Rice & 70 acres de Corn planté qui vient assés bien & qui promet autant que l'on puisse esperer de ce vieux terrein, duquel l'on a tiré très peu les années auparavant par la faute des economes qui y etoient, qui n'ont Jamais été rien moins que bon planteurs; Je ne m'ettendrai point la dessus, Ne doutant point que vous n'en Soyés informé depuis long temps;

J'auray aussy l'honneur de vous [. . .]uer les Idées que J'ay communiqué a ces Mess. & a Monsr P: avant & après Son depart, pour Londres, qui m'ont causé mille desagrement icy & Cause encore, par les Soupçons que l'on avoit & que l'on a de ma correspondance & de la Jalousie pour la confiance dont vous voulés bien m'honorer avec les autres Messrs; & Je vous avoue, Monsieur, que c'est la Seule consideration qui ma retenu car J'ay été très Souvent Sur le point de retourner au Nord; pour vous représenter la mauvaise Situation & maniement des affaires, desquels J'espere on ne me blamera point, car Je n'y ay Jamais eu part, & aucune connoissance depuis 18 mois ce qui me met hors detat de vous en informer, me contentant Seulement de dire qui aussi longtemps qu'elles iront de cette maniere, tous les fonds & troubles Seront entierement perdu Sans ressources, voicy le Seul remedé Suivant moy qu'il y a & que J'ay dit depuis plus d'une année qui est d'acheter une bonne plantation, & y mettre tous les negroes excepté 20 mains, qui Sont plus que suffisant pour cette place & les autres Sans en acheter un Seul pouvent travailler Une magnifique plantation, & les reste des fonds pour cette article

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devoient être employé entierem.t [envoy] jeunes negroes de l'age de 10 a 16 ans aye auquel on peut les accoutumer infin[imen]t mieux au travail, au climat, & que l'on est Seur de leur Seanté & Sans maladie de leur pays qui Sont presque incurables dans ce païs, ensorte que si l'on 3 ou 4 ans vous vouliés acheter une autre plantation vous avès de bon negroes pret a y mettre qui ne vous coute que la ½ de ce qu'il couteroit de lage de 20 ans en dessus: d'un autre coté ces derniers ne Se vendront Jamais plus a 30 qua 20 ans: mais ceux de 10 a 16 doubleront leur argent, & Se fourniont par leur travail de leur necessaire tout au moins: & Si ont les vendoient Je prouverai clairement, que l'on tirera au moins le 25 p % d'Interet Jusques a ce qu'il parviennent a 20 ans d'age; & J'en ay vû l'experience par d'autres grands planteurs qui font commerce avec [eu-st] & en general, au qui je suis très bien en liaison Si j'ose m'en flatter: [j'ay vu] aussy Clairement que 25 a 30 Negroes dans une plantation, produiront pl . . .] de 30 au dessus, car ce nombre est Suffisant pour planter la meilleure plantation de Caroline, Sans conter encore que Si une plantation ne produit pas pa[. . . oon], l'autre peut etre Si elle est dans une autre paroisse Sera une bonne [. . .] cela est certain, & seroit toutes les annes, ce qui demontre aussy [que 2 annes] en 2 plan.t feront plus & Seront plus certain d'une recolte que [. . .] dans une Seule, Suivant que le peu d'experience me la fait voir & j'ay consulte [Sur] cet article avec un nombre de planteur, qui Sont tout tombes d'avoir avec moy Sur cela;

Pour ce qui est du commerce, J'auroy l'honneur de vous dire que ce Seroit la meilleure plantation; & que le plus [. . .] que l'on commenceroit Seroit le meilleur, il me fait beaucoup de peine de faire l'auversier Sous le nom de M.r & M. fesch a qui tout appartient Sans exception, nonobstant qu'il me fasse bonne mine qques fois, mais il y a de temps d'autres des choses qui me percent le coeur, car de passer pour auversier cela est dur pour moy, qui n'ay Jamais été honnoré de Si vile place, & cela me paroit encore plus Sous celuy ou Je Suis, qui ne me traite pas cependant Sur ce pied en ma presence mes Seulement en mon absence; Qualité qui me met hors d'état d'avoir une place chez les marchands Si Je quittoit la maison car Je passe parmi eux pour un auversier & non point un Ecrivain: Si J'étois a leur place Je penserois de même: Un autre chose encore c'est que mes occupations en caroline me font oublier Le peu de lumiere que j'ay Sur le commerce, car Je n'y ay aucune part, nonobstant que par le traite de Sort le l'on m'ay fait la grace de me promettre de Succeder a la place du deffunt, & par consequence d'avoir mon nom a la place du Sien ce qui me mettroit a l'abris [du-aye que Je] porte, alors ce seroit avec un giay plaisir que Je manierois les plantations Si pourtant l'on m'en confie entierement le Soin, car ce serrois, M. F. n'y entends de tout rien non plus que had; & alors M.r f. pouvroit manier le [commerce] Sans avoir d'autre embarras, & le tout Sous le nom de Deux.

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J'espere Monsieur, que celle cy vous trouvera en parfaite Seanté, faisant [des] voeux tres Sincere pour la continuation; Vous priant de vouloir bien m'en faire part & m'aviser des observations que vous voudrés me faire lhonneur de faire. Sur ce que J'ay Celuy de vous marquer, & les envoyer Sil vous plait Sous couvert de quelqu'un a Charles Town pour eviter les Soupçons, me recommandant a la continuation de votre protection; Ayant lhonneur detre avec un profond respect & Sincere devouement.

Monsieur
Votre très humble & tres Obeissant Serviteur

[A] DELLIENT

Walnut Hill les 10e May 1760

P: S: J'aurois pû Monsieur, vous ecrire en Anglois, Si je n'avois pas [penser] que quelquun pourroit ouvrir ma Lettre, car Jay fait plus de progres dans cette langue que Je n'avois esperé, après resté 2 ans en amerique.

[Endorsed] Lettre de Mr DEllient 10th May 1760

[Addressed] To The hon.ble Henry Bouquet Esqr & Collonel in his Majesty's Forces in Philadelphia North America

[TRANSLATION]

[Walnut Hill, May 10, 1760.]

Sir:

It is with great regret that I have been deprived of the honor of writing to you until now. However, notwithstanding that I have no good news to send you, but to fulfill my duty and assure

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you of my humble respects, I shall have the honor to give you a brief account of my administration of this piece of business, confidentially, since your departure from Charlestown. First, I was sent to Jonly Hall to have the management of it, which I did badly enough because of the varying orders I received from three persons who very rarely agreed in their opinions and consequently never with mine, which necessitated my disregarding them despite my great desire to prove my entire devotion by my application to the interests of these gentlemen. After remaining there until June, they finally sent me 22 miles from the city with about 10 negroes to do some planting, and to remove me from affairs. This I carried out to the detriment of my health without any result other than the expense, which was not at all surprising as it was at the time when all the planters had finished a month before, and then it was necessary in some way to find a new establishment at this advanced season. I was there until October, when Mr. G -- d having died, I returned to the city for 3 days. At that time I was sent to this place until May in order to send out and place a young man named Mr. Curtley, a very fine boy and a good planter. He remained here with me until March when he was sent with 20 negroes to Port Royal to plant, for that year only. I have no doubt that if the season is favorable, he may raise a good crop of indigo and provisions, the soil being very good.

We have planted 23 acres of indigo here, which has been killed by the drought, so there will be no indigo at Walnut Hill. But I trust with the help of God that we shall do fairly well with rice and provisions, if the season is at all favorable. There are 100 acres of rice and 70 acres of corn planted, which are coming along quite well and promise as much as one can hope for from this old soil on which very little was raised in former years through the fault of the stewards located there, who were anything but good planters. I will not dwell upon this as undoubtedly you were informed of it long ago.

I shall also have the honor of giving you the opinions I communicated to these gentlemen and to Mr. P., before and after his departure for London, which have caused me a thousand annoyances here and still do by the suspicions they had and still have of my correspondence and their jealousy of the confidence with which you are kind enough to honor me, with the other gentlemen: and I swear to you, Sir, that is the only thing which is holding me for I have been very often on the point of returning to the north in order to lay before you the bad condition and management of affairs, for

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which I trust I shall not be blamed, for I have had no part in them nor any knowledge of them for 18 months, which places me in a position of being unable to give you any information, only contenting myself with saying that as long as they go on in this way all the funds and trouble will be entirely lost without resources. The only remedy, in my opinion, is as I said more than a year ago, to buy a good plantation, and to put there all the negroes except 20, which are more than enough for this place: and the others, without buying a single one, can cultivate a magnificent plantation: The rest of the funds for this project can be used exclusively to buy young negroes of from 10 to 16 years, an age to accustom them best to the work and to the climate, and when one is certain of their soundness and freedom from the diseases of their country which are almost incurable in this, so that if in 3 or 4 years you wish to buy another plantation you have good negroes to put there who cost only half of what they would cost at the age of 20 years or over. On the other hand, the latter never sell for more at 30 than at 20 years of age; but those of 10 to 16 will double their value and will by their work, provide all their necessities at least; and if you sell them, I can clearly prove that you will gain at least 25% interest when they are 20 years old. I have seen this experienced by other big planters, who do business with the west; and in general, in the south, I am very well connected if I dare flatter myself. I have also clearly seen that 25 or 30 negroes on a plantation, will produce 30 or more, for this number is sufficient to plant the best plantation in Carolina, without counting moreover, that if one plantation does not produce a plentiful crop, the other perhaps, if it is in another parish, might be good, that is certain, and should be each year. This demonstrates likewise (if 2 years) that 2 plantations will make more and will be more certain of a crop than only one, according to what a little experience has taught me, and I have consulted upon this subject with a number of planters who are all inclined to agree with me.

As for that which concerns the business, I have the honor to tell you that this should be the better plantation, and that the sooner one begins the better. I dislike very much acting as overseer under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Fesch to whom everything without exception belongs. Notwithstanding that he pretends to be pleasant to me there are other times when things pierce me to the heart, because to act as overseer is difficult for me, who has never been honored with so wretched a place, and that seems so much worse under one who does not take advantage of his position in my presence but only in my absence: a position which does not give me any standing

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with the merchants if I should leave the house, as I am considered by them to be an overseer and not even a clerk. If I were in their place, I should think the same. Still another consideration is that my occupations in Carolina make me forget the little knowledge I have of business, for I have no part in it, notwithstanding that by an agreement of a sort, they have done me the kindness to promise that I should succeed to the place of the deceased, and consequently have my name replace his, which would protect me; then it would be with exhilerating pleasure that I would manage the plantations. If however they confided the management entirely to me, as it should be, Mr. F. [Mr. Fesch] not understanding any more than Indame, then Mr. F. would be able to manage the business without being embarrassed and all under the two names.

I hope, Sir, that this will find you in perfect health, offering very sincere wishes for its continuation. Begging you to wish me well and to advise me of the observations that you may honor me by making on what I have written to you, and to send them if you please, in care of some one in Charlestown to avoid suspicion, I recommend myself to the continuation of your protection, having the honor to be with deep respect and sincere devotion,

Sir,
Your most humble and most obedient servant,

A. DELLIENT

Walnut Hill, May 10, 1760.

P.S. I would have written you in English, Sir, had I not thought that someone might happen to open my letter, for I have made more progress in that language than I had hoped, after remaining 2 years in America

(May 13, 1760)

LIEUT. ALEXANDER BAILLIE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 122, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford May 13th 1760.

Dear Sir,

Am exceeding sorry to Acquaint You, that Ens: Hay's Behaviour for some Days past, has been such, that am oblig'd to send him to Fort Pitt, Agreeable to Major Tulleken's Directions to me when he pass'd this, for just at that time, he was going on, in the very same Manner, getting Drunk, Morning, Noon, & Night, going about the Sutlers Houses, exposing himself to every Rascal in Town, & doing a great many things, which, (were he in his right senses) cou'd not be put up with, & in short, (am sorry for it) behaves quite out of Character. I hope his friends at Fort Pitt, will persuade him, to lead another Life I shou'd not have taken these Measures, if there was another Officer here to look after him, but as am so Busy, have not time to do it myself. If it is possible to avoid letting the Genll know of it, it wou'd be better, for fear of hurting him. As I Believe the greatest Enemy he has, is himself I have let you know every Circumstance, as I thought it my Duty, & am

Dear Sir
Your most Obt humble Sert

A BAILLIE.

Collt Bouquet.

[Endorsed] Lieut Bayly concerng Ensn W. Hay

[Addressed] On his Majestys Service To Collt Henry Bouquet. R: A R: D. A. Genll att Lancaster.

(May 14, 1760)

CAPT. RICHARD MATHER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[P. R., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 124, A. L. S.]

Fort pitt May ye 14 1760

Dr Sr

As a Report prevails here that We are in a few Days to be attackd by a Large Body of French & Indians, & as severall are travelling down the Country, who are too apt to be fond of spreading such Reports tho' perhaps without any Foundation, I have thought proper to write You what has come to My Knowledge.

Yesterday Capt Croghan informd Me that He had had Intelligence from an Indian who had been drinking with Others over the River. That he Heard Them talk that in five Days a Large Body of French & Indians was to be here, but did not seem to give much Credit to the Intelligence. As to the time of Their Coming it agrees with what We were told by an Indian about a Month ago. what looks a little suspicious, the Indians who have ever swarmd about Us are mostly gone off & I hear Delaware Georges people are come from Pine Creek (his plantation) but have left Him behind

We are very busy putting Ourselves in a posture of Defence, to give Them a warm Reception, I have orderrd Capt Croghan to send out His Spyes, sho'd any Thing extraordinary happen, you will have the Earliest Notice from

Your hle Servant

RICH^d MATHER

P: S: I have wrote to Gen: Stanwix if He sho'd have given up the Comand, wish you'd Direct ye Lre to His Successor.

To Col. Bouquett

[Endorsed] Letter from Capt Mather 14th May 1760

[Addressed] On His Majtys Service To Col: Bouquett att Lancaster

(May 20, 1760)

CAPT. RICHARD MATHER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 126, A. L. S.]

Fort Pitt May ye 20th 60

Sir

The Report of This post's being to be Attackd was without Foundation, The Scouts which I sent out are return'd, but No sign of any Enemy near Us, However it has been of no Disservice to Us, as the Works have been carryd on with the Utmost Vigour.

Several of the Subalterns here have been with Me, requesting I wo'd write to You concerning Lieu^t Lessleys remaining in this Regiment. They think it hard He shod take Rank of Them as He purchasd into the 4th Batt:

Ens: Wm Hay came here two Days ago from Bedford. There have been frequent Dissagreem^ts between Him & Lieu^t Baillie, which obligd Him to send Him to this post. He promises to behave consisting with the Character of an Officer. otherwise I have assured Him, Hell Oblige Me to take such Measures as wod send to His ~~utter~~ Ruin,

The Waggons with the Cloathing arrivd here a Week ago, & returned imediately. I have the pleasure to assure you, that We continue to be a very Healthy Garrison, & tolerably sober, considering the Quantity of Rum wch is brought, & which (was there a Stop Put to) wod be for the Good of the Service. I check the Selling of it as much as possible

As soon as the Taylors arrive, shall sett them to Work, but I fear the Old Coats are so much worn, as to be unfitt for Waistcoats. I beg My Complim^ts to all Friends with You from

Your hle Servant

RICH^d MATHER

To Col: Bouquett

[Endorsed] Capt Mather's 20th May 1760

[Addressed] To Col: Bouquett att Philadelphia

(May 26, 1760)

LIEUT. JAMES DOY TO CAPT. LEWIS CURRY

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 128, A. L. S.]

Phyladelphya 26th May 1760

Dr. Curry

The wheels that belong'd to the Sloop Waggon, General Stanwix desyres, woull give them to Collonel Bouquet. They were putt into that Store that the generals Baggage was in Beleive me to be

My Dr. Curry
yours

JAMES DOY

To Capt. Curry at Bedford

[Endorsed] Orders for the Wheels

(June 2, 1760)

DR. THOMAS WALKER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 130, A. L. S.]

Virginia June 2d 1760

Sir

I have not had the Pleasure of a Line from you since I saw you in Winchester, nor have I yet Received orders what Part of the Losses to pay the owners of Waggons

Mr Rutherford sent the Remainder of the vouchers to Compleat those accts stated and Settled by you Except the Three Inclosed.

(June 2, 1760)

The Expidition against the Cherokees Obliges me to be in the Southern part of the Colony for some time, and as soon as I have Dispatched that Business, I shall Return to Winchester, and be Ready to Exicute any Commands you may have for me, in the Mean time Mr. Rutherford will be ready if any Service should be wanted

Part of the Ballance in my hands has been paid for feeding and drving Pack Horses, and other services for the Crown and as I am a stranger to General Monckton shall be much oblig'd to you for your direction how to apply for Money when that Ballance shall be Expended, I am

Your most Humble Servant

THOMAS WALKER

To Col.o Henry Bouquet

first for Command

Ens.n M.cDonald
Lt. Gordon
Ens.n Schlosser

[Endorsed] Letter from Dr. Walker June 2.d 1760

[Addressed] On the Kings Service To Henry Bouquet Esq.r Adjutant General at Pittsburgh

(June 3, 1760)

ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 132, L. S.]

Carlisle the 3.d of June 1760

Sir

I forgot to mention to you that there has not been any Orders given for Signing Vouchers the Rations of the Clerks &.ca

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in the Contractors Service: must therefore remind you of it now hoping youll put it in General Orders least the officers at the Post should scruple it.

We have been extremely busy since you left us There has been upwards of Thirty Waggons & several Pack Horses Loaded here Yesterday, mostly wth Forrage & Ln bold, as many more in York County. I am &c

Your most Obed^t Hum: Servt

ADM HOOPS

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Hoops 3^d June 1760

(June 7, 1760)

ADAM SHIPPEN TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 153, C.]

Lancaster 7th June 1760.

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Dear Sir

To Major Genl Stanwix

By your Excellency's late Proclamation all persons having any Demand's On his Majesty for Waggonage &c were Required to Bring in their Accounts Before the 15th of last Month. but so, it happened that many of the Waggoners and others had unfortunately mislaid and left Some of their papers which prevented them from coming to settle with me at the time appointed however since my Return from Philadelphia these people have Brought me their papers and Certificates for their Services an Account of which is here inclosed

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& I take the Liberty to insert ~~Still due~~ £ 13" 14" 10 Still due to my self for Short Commissions in my Acco^{t} on paying Waggon Drivers Settled with Col^{o} Bouquet which I have mentioned to him and he has Given me a Memorandum about it saying as the Accounts is Closed and Delivered to ye General the mistake cannot be Rectified but I thought notwithstanding this I would Just mention it to your Excellency; and as to the other Articles in the said Acco^{t} I have the proper Vouchers from the People hoping therefore, you will please to Give me an order on Mr John Nelson to enable me to make parment as I trust every thing Else in my Department has been done to the Satisfaction of those with whom I have already settled, altho' I have not been thought worthy by the present Managers to be entrusted again in procuring Waggons &c for the Ensuing Campaign; Yet I design to do every thing in my power for promoting the Service I heartily wish your Excellency a Continuance of your health & a safe & Speedy and pleasant Voyage to your Native Country & am

Your Excellencys Affectionate Friend
& Most Obed^{t} Hum Servt

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[Endorsed] Letter from Mr Shippen to Major General Stanwix

(June 9, 1760)

ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 135, A. L. S.]

Carliel 9 June 1760

Dr Sir

your faufer I Resefed with a Draft for one hundred pounds you may Be asuered I will pay your Small Drefts as theey Com to hand. I hauf Sent your Letter to John Hines I will speek to M^{r}

tarn

(June 9, 1760)

Sirhey my [illegible] of about your Saw mill I hop By this tim you hauef [illegible] as I Sent from hear 3 Instent 150 Sheep and [illegible] Bolecks [illegible] 7 I sent of 130 10 of Wich Is to Be left at Sch [illegible] between hear and Bedford I hauef In stor hear 240 Bolecks and 110 Sheep this Day I Set of 70 Bolecks [illegible] frenks Is [illegible] Complemps to you

I am Dr Sir
your most Humbel Servent

Ad.m HOOPS

[Endorsed] Ad.m Hoops 9.th June 1760

[Addressed] On His Majestys Service To Coll.l Henry Bouquet at Bedford

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A LIST OF OFFICERS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 137, D.]

Bedford June ye 9.th 1760

The Officers of the first Battalion of the R. Am Regt
As they are Appointed to Companies

Companies

Generals -

Col.l Bouquets	L.t Blane
Major Walters	L.t Potts
Capt. Mathers	L.t Dow
Capt. Cochrans	L.t Ralfe
Capt. Schlossers	L.t Mcdougal

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Capt Gordons	Lt Stewart
Capt Etheringtons	Lt Gordon
Capt Barnsleys	Lt Baillie
Capt Cambells	Lt Jenkins
Capt Lieu^{t} Ourry	Lt Lesslye
Lt Bentinck	Ens^{n} Wm Hay
Lt Ridge	Ens^{n} Duplessis
Lt Carre	Ens^{n} Christie
Lt Wilson	Lt Guy
Lt Basset	Ens^{n} Dow
Lt Ryder	Ens^{n} Schlosser
Lt Brhem	Ens. M^{c}donald
Lt Phillips	Ens J^{a} Hay
Lt Meyer	Ens^{n} Phister
	Ens^{n} Gorrell

N. B. Each of ye Above Companies has two Acting Off^{rs} Present And the Grand^{rs} three

Please give Clark a Copy of ye Above & He will then know how to fill up the Return for ye 24th June.

M^{c}donald and Dow are now at Ligonier w^{t} Schlosser & his Company

[Endorsed] List of Officers of the 1st B. R. A. R. as they are appointed to Companys

(June 11, 1760)

CAPT. SAMUEL WILLYAMOZ TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 138, A. L. S.]

F^{t} Ontario. June ye 11th 1760

Monsieur

Le manque d'argent m'empecha de faire toucher à mon passage a N. York, a Monsieur Nelson les trente Livre que vous me fittes remettre, Jespere que vous voudres bien approuver L'arrangement que jay pris avec Monsieur Haldimand pour vous en tenir compte

(June 11, 1760)

Il paroit qu'une grande partie de L'armée Sera destinée pour le Sud, puisque les Grenad^{rs} du 44th Reg^{t} Le sont alles joindre leur corps a Niagara et que la 1st Infanterie de Gage que lon attend, aujourd'hui ont ordre daller de ce Cotté la, Le Gen^{ll} Amherst etoit encore a Albanie il y a peu de jours.

Vous aures sandoute Appris dans son tems La Levée du siege de Quebec avec les deffaites des francois en donnant L'assaut des Indiens venus de Montreal au Lac Oneyda, disent que les francois y etoient tous en deuil et dans la plus grande affliction, ces evenements pourroient apporter quelques alterations au projet de cette campagne puisque Nos ennemis de les cottes ne pourront pas se soutenir plus Longtem.

Je Suis avec Respect

Monsieur

Votre tres humble et tres Obeiss^{t} Serviteur

SAM^{l} WILLIAMOZ

[Endorsed] Capt Wyamoz 11th June 1760

[TRANSLATION]

Fort Ontario, June 11, 1760.

Sir:

The lack of money prevented my taking, in my passage to New York, the 30 pounds to Mr. Nelson, that you sent me. I hope you approve of the arrangement that I have made with Mr. Haldimand to keep an account of it for you.

It seems that a large part of the army will be reserved for the south, as the grenadiers of the 44th regiment have gone to join their corps at Niagara, and Gage's 1st infantry which is expected today was ordered to go there. General Amherst was still in Albany a few days ago.

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You will no doubt have learned in due time, of the raising of the siege of Quebec with the defeat of the French; while attacking, the Indians having come from Montreal to Lake Oneida say that the French there were all in mourning and greatly afflicted. These events might bring some alterations to the plans of this Campaign, since our enemies, on their side, cannot hold out much longer.

I am with respect,
Sir,
Your most humble and most obedient servant,

SAMUEL WILLIAMOZ

(June 13, 1760)

JADOT TO [PIQUOTE DE BELESTRE?]

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 139, A. L. S.]

[Miamis, June 13, 1760.]

Monsieur

J'ay receûs Celle que vous m'avé fait l'honneur de m'ecrire en datte du 31me de May. Monsieur de rocheblave étoit arrivé icy il m'a demandé La Communication de Celle que vous m'avé ecrit je ne put la luy refuser il C'est trouvé [peiné] de la deffence que vous faite de ne point laisser voir les marchandises qui L'aurrain peut avoir. il m'a dit qu'il n'etoit point dans les batiments d'en demander veut qu'il Scavoit les besoins qu'on pourroit en avoir pour les nations. il a parlé aux misamis pour le portage voyant qu'il ny avoit point de marchandises il leurs a promis de les recompenser gratuitement s'yls vouloint attendre pour leurs payment. ils n'ont fait aucunne difficulté et le font tous porté a luy rendre le service qu'ils demandoit Disant quils scavoient qu'il ny avoit rien dans le magasin et que lorsqu'il seroit venûs des marchandises qu'ils presenteroient leurs billets. Monsieur de rocheblavé m'a remis 27 pot d'eau de vie que vous me dittes de donner aux sauvages. je les ay receus mais Ce n'est point pour

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Leurs donnés appersons dautant que Monsieur rocheblave leurs fait un [illegible]. je vous ay marqué par ma dernier que les [mis] esperoint bientot avoir les anglois pour traiter avec luy. il y en a quelque un surtout Ceux de la riviere Blanche qui on fait reproche aux [illegible] de la riviere a la roche sur leur paix de fermeté a tenir la main de leur pere que pour l'age ils ne se demantiroint point et qu'ils vouloint Continuer Comme ils avoint Commencé; Cela a donné de l'esprit aux autres et son venus me trouver pour me dire qu'ils avoint regret davoir fait une affaire semblable que ce n'avoit été que par l'aveux des jeunes gens mais que Cela ne seroit d'aucunne Consequence quils voyoint bien qu'ils avoint eut tort d'avoir ouvert une oreille a l'anglois que dans la suite ils ne les ouvriroint que pour ecouter ce que leur pere onontio leur diroit. Le Malinnoigiste qui avoit été le plus obstiné (Comme vous ne douté point) a été le dernier avenir me dire ce que vous voyé plus haut. par vos dernieres lettres vous me faite scavoir que ces Messieurs les officiers qui passeront icy avec des vivres en quitteron pour la subsistance du fort. Mais monsieur de rocheblave a été inexorable et m'ôr[illegible] a vous. J'ay quitté passer les vingt minots qui vous restoint aux [houâ] sachant le besoin ou vous [etiée] j'esperois que l'on ne quitteroit point le poste dans l'etat malheureux ou il est. il m'a quitté douzesac de blé dinde pour la subsistence de la garnison et du monde qui est dans le fort. et trois sac de farinne pour moy sur lesquelles j'en ay Consommé la moitie pendant le sejour de ces messieurs je vous prie Monsieur de me procurer du succour. je suis hors d'etat de soutenir. les sauvages mont demandé de quoy semer je n'ay peut leurs refuser. L'aurrain doit aller au detroit Comme je Crois qu'il est necessaire qu'il fasse le voyage il vous rendra Conte de tout, je prend la Liberté de me dire avec un profond respect Monsieur

Votre trés humble et trés obeissant serviteur

JADOT

aux mis amis

C.t 13th juin 1760

[Endorsed] French Letter

(June 13, 1760)

[TRANSLATION]

[Miamis, June 13, 1760.]

Sir

I have received the letter you honored me by writing, dated May 31. Mr. de Rocheblave having arrived here, asked for the letter you wrote me. I could not refuse him. He is much troubled at the stand you took of not allowing the merchandise to be seen, which Laurrain must have. He told me that it was not in the storehouses, and to ask for some, seeing that he knew the necessities one should have for the nations. He has spoken to the Miamis for the portage. Seeing that he had no merchandise there he promised to reward them generously if they would wait for their pay. They raised no difficulty and are doing all they can to meet the demands made of them, saying that they knew there was nothing in the storehouse and when some merchandise arrives they will present their bills. Mr. de Rocheblave has delivered to me 27 jugs of brandy which you said to give to the savages. I have received them but they are not to be given to anyone else as long as Mr. de Rocheblave made them a present of them. I informed you in my last letter that the [Miamis] hope soon to have the English trade with them. There are a few, especially those of the River Blanche who reproached the people of the River A La Roche on their silence concerning courage in holding their father's hand; as for their generation, they will not give way and that they will desire to continue as they have begun. This has given courage to the others and they came to see me and to tell me that they regretted having lent themselves to such an affair; that it would never have happened without the consent of the young men. But that will be of no consequence as they could clearly see that they were wrong to have listened to the English; that in the future they will listen only to what their father Onontio has to say. The shrewd Gist who had been the most persistent (as you surmise) was the first to come to tell me what you have observed before. In your last letters you informed me that the officers who will pass here with provisions will leave some for the subsistence of the fort. But Mr. de Rocheblave was inexorable and referred me to you. I have released twenty minots which you had in the [bin?] knowing the need where you are. I hope the post will not be left in its present bad condition. He has released to me twelve bags of corn for the maintenance of the garrison and for the people who are in the fort, and three sacks of flour for me, of which I have used half during the sojourn of these gentlemen. I beg you, Sir,

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[illegible] pressure [illegible] for me. It is beyond my power to keep up. The [illegible] for [illegible] seeds to plant. I dare not refuse [illegible] I [illegible] to Detroit as I believe it necessary that [illegible] the trip. He will give you an account of everything. [illegible] to call [illegible] with profound respect,

Sir,
Your most humble and obedient servant,

JADOT

(June 18, 1760)

ALEXANDER LUMAN TO CO. HENRY BOUQUET

[Br. [illegible], Add. MSS. 21645, f. 141, A. L. S.]

Philad[a] 18. June 1760.

Dear Sir;

The Boxes from Miller, I forward'd some time ago, to the Care of Mr Sinclair at Carlisle. They were packd in som Small Chests, 5 in Each.

A Small Chest for you, which D. M[c]Clean promises to morrow, I will send up by the first safe Conveyance to Pittsburgh, and will be much pleased if You'll give me an Opp[y] to oblige You

Yesterday being Fishing Day, at MountRoyale, There was a very Brilliant Appearance The General and Miss Milling, Betsy, Your favourite, with Your Humble Servant. The other Ladys and Gentlemen according to their Rank. You was not forgot in the Evening, Which was spent most Agreeably by me, at the Castle, as the General Calls it. We have yet no perfect Account of the Affair at Quebec, but make no [illegible] at Doubt of the Siege being Raised.

The News from S[o] Carolina, where they're in great Distress, are all in this Weeks papers.

(June 18, 1760)

If You'l favour me with a Line from Pittsburgh, You'l give me great pleasure.

Should any thing further be wanted for the Regiment, I will be extreamly glad to receive Your Commands. I suppose Capt. Barnsly does not forget me; as the Ship that the General goes in sails in about 8 or 10 days

I have the Honour to be
Dear Sir.
Your very obed. Servt.

ALEXr LUNAN.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Lunan 18th June 1760

(June 24, 1760)

LIEUT. HENRIG GEIGER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 143, A. L. S.]

Hydelberg the 24th Juny 1760

Tres Nobele et Host Honourabele Colonele

I Tacke the liberty to Send my most humbel Respec To your honour wishing that this fue Linn find your honour in very Good heatht most Honourabele Colonele I Cannot forgot your honour because The Gread favor that you have always get for me And I Shall never forgot the Goodness from your Honour and when he Shall been in my power the give My Service to your honour I Shall not faill. And I pray always the Lord our God for your Honour that he will preserve your nobel Parsone always in very Good health the Lord our God will be Your Guid Likwiss that he whass with Josua and Will preserven your honour from all Dangers And axidante the Lord macke you very fortunant in all your anterprioss the Lord Give your

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honour Good Success and prosper your honour with all happiness Most Honourable Colonel. I hop not that your Honour Shall be angry upon me that I have took The Liberty to Trubele your honour with this Writing he whas your Kindness which your honour hass always got for me which I whass not Wort That is the Reasons that I Cannot forget your Honour and I wish the Lord make me joyfule The Shee aginst your honour in very good health And happy God Bless your honour and I Recomand Me always in your honour favor And I am your honour most humble and Obaisant Servant

HENRIG GEIGER
Lead Lieutenant

[Addressed] On his Majesty Service To Henrig Bouquet Esqr Colonele in the First Battalions of the Royall American Regit and C. C. N: in Camp near Pittsburg

(June 26, 1760)

EDWARD SHIPPEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 145, A. L. S.]

Lancaster the 26. June 1760.

Dear Sir

I am sorry to tell you, and at a time too, when you might expect the Cyder up, that both our barrels are turned sour. I Suppose it was owing to the late distracted Condition of Mr Bishop's Family, for the wife running away with a Neighbouring Millar put all sort of Care out of her husbands head and I dont know where to get you a Barrel that is worth your drinking But I hope in a few years time Your own Plantation will abundantly Supply you. I can get you the best sorts of apple trees that are in Pennsylvania, The Jerseys and Maryland; And if you will condescend to take my advice in the Choice of the Fruit and plant them as I could direct, I would engage you 50 barrels of Cyder in three or four Years time as good

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as any that was ever made in either of those three Provinces; and indeed as to this quantity there is no other Conjuration in it, than to plant four thousand trees instead of four hundred, as you cannot be Stinted for want of ground &c and you must be very sensible that the more remote your trees are set from each other the richer the Fruit will be, & of Course the Cyder the better. I have thoughts of Planting an Orchard for my own use opposite to my house, but then as I am much pinched for Room I design to plant my trees very thick in order to have a good deal of fruit very soon; My Lot being but 130 feet in the front & 260 feet deep will only allow of 32 apple trees at 30 feet distance from each other, which after being planted two Years may bear one apple a piece, and the third year 5 apples a piece amounting to 160 apples & the 4th Year may yield 25 apples each being 800 apples which would but just serve the Table, admitting of but a very few tarts; but then in order to have a glass of good Cyder into the bargain I shall fill up my Lot with trees at 10 feet distance only which will not interfere with one another in less than four or five years time when I Shall begin to thin my orchard as necessity may require and if I plant my orchard in this manner it will contain 288 trees which bearing an apple each, at the 2d Year will produce 288 apples and the 3 year 1440 apples and the 4th Year 7200 One Moiety whereof may very well be Spared for Cyder that is 3600 apples which at 75 to a bushel will produce 48 bushels and computing 16 bushels to a barrel will give us 3 barrels of Cyder: But as to the best method of raising Orchards in this Country I Shall leave it till I have the pleasure of seeing you again in Lancaster.

According to Your advice I wrote a Letter to General Stanwix a Copy of which is here inclosed, for Money to pay ~~the~~ some Waggoners and Waggon Drivers &c who could not get ready their Vouchers by the 15 of last month and he has accordingly sent me the Money; Also yᵉ remainder of what was due to me for short Commissions on yᵉ money paid the Waggon Drivers &c My mentioning of Which to him I hope you will not take as any mark of disrespect to Your self; however if it were to do again I should have omitted it after what you said about it, and I shall willingly refund you yᵉ money rather than perplex yᵉ accounts. I beg you will not in the least call in question my Regard being Dr Sir

very Sincerely
Your affectionate Friend & Most Humble Servt

EDW. SHIPPEN

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P S I congratulate you on the Confirmation of the News of the Seige of Quebeck being raised of Lord Colvill's taking Six French Store Ships up the River St Lawrence Mr Franks sends the Particulars now by Mrs Hoops to be forwarded by Captain St Clair to Major Gates. I am Yrs ut Supra E S

If my little orchard yields fruit according to my expectations your 4000 Apple trees will produce 105 barrels in 4 Years time, but Suppose they Should turn out but One half of this quantity it will come up to my Calculation of 50 barrels at least. ES.

Trees barls

for as 228: 6 : : 4000

$$228 \,)\, \frac{4000 \times 6}{24000} \,(\, 105\tfrac{60}{228}$$

$$\frac{1200}{(\,60\,)}$$

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Shippen 26th June 1760

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INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED AT PRESQUE ISLE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 147, Df.]

New York June 26, 1760

Sir

The Packet that sailed this day carries home some agreeable news, which we received yesterday from Albany, viz.t that after the Battle near Quebeck, on the 28th April, in consequence of which the English were obliged to retreat into the Town, with the loss of about, three hundred killed, upwards of 700 wounded, & 24 field Pieces; the Garrison the same Night threw up forty Embrazures on the

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walls from whence they dismounted the Cannon of the French as fast as they opened their Batteries /which were never opened nearer than 700 yards from the Wall of the City, & consequently not near enough to batter in Breach: That Capt. Swanton, in his own Ship, and two Frigates anchored, on his arrival, near the Island of Orleans, in order to approach the City in the Night, which he effected, and by that means surprised and destroyed the Enemys Frigates and Ships, which they had brought down from the place where they had wintered, with Stores, &a. for the Seige of Quebeck; as also the Battoes, in which the French Army were embarked at Montreal, & came in to Quebeck, Those Ships and Battoes were above the City, from whence he fell down, on the appearance of Six French Storeships, which he took in sight of the French Army; and on the 16th. of May the Enemy retired precipitately, on the appearance of Lord Colvill, and the Ships of his Squadron, leaving behind them all their Cannon, and heavy Bagage, and their Tents standing. The Enemy acknowledged they had 1500 killed and wounded, among which were 113 or 114 Officers, but the People of the Country said they missed 3,000. These advices were brought by Lieut. Goddard and Lieut. Thrip, of Lascelles's, who came with a French Flag of Truce from Montreal, with 120 English Prisoners, among whom 9 officers & 45 Men, taken the 28th. of April, on the Heights of Abraham, near Quebeck; The French were in the greatest confusion at Montreal, each blaming the other for their miscarriage; they have Bread in plenty, Meat very scarce, not any Salt Provission in the whole Country; a Bushell of Salt sells for £ 25 Sterling; and a quart of Brandy for 42 Livres. Major Rogers has destroyed St Theses, a Village of 14 or 15 Houses, between St Jeane and Chambli; none of the Enemy were killed, as he surprised, and by that means had an opportunity of saving the Women and Children, whom he set at Liberty, bringing of the Men, 34 or 35 Prisoners.

[In different handwriting] This Peice of News was transmited from Albany to Hall The printer and forwarded by David Franks to St. Clair at Carlisle who forwarded it directly hither.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Intelligences from Quebec received at Presqu'Isle the 18th. July 1760

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[illegible] COURSE OF YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER

[illegible], Ms. [illegible] 21645, f. 149, A. D. S.]

Fort [illegible] July [illegible] 1760

A Return of the Courses of Youyougany River to the Laurell Hill

Courses	Distance Miles	Remarks
SE	1.	
SE	3/4	
SSE	.1/2	
SE	.1/2	
SSE	.1/4	A Small Run from East Strong Currant
S	.3/4	
SSE	.3/4	
E	.1/2	A Small Run from South Strong Currant
NE	1.	
ENE	.1/4	
E	1.	
ESE	.1/2	
SE	.1/2	
SSE	.1/4	
SSE	.1/4	Strong Currant
SE	.1/4	
NNE	1.	A Riffle
[illegible]	.1/4	
SE	.3/4	
[illegible]	.1/4	
[illegible]	.3/4	
SSE	.1/4	Strong Currant Run from North
SE	.3/4	an Island
SE	.3/4	Run from North
[illegible]	.1/4	
SE	1.1/2	Strong Currant

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Courses	Distance Miles	Remarks
W	1.1/2	
SW	.1/4	
S	1.	
SSE	.1/2	
S	.1/4	
SSW	.1/4	
SW	.3/4	
S	.1/2	Strong Currant
SSW	.1/2	
SW	.1/2	
S	.3/4	
SSE	.3/4	
ESE	2.1/4	A Creek from South
ENE	.1/4	a Creek from North
E	.1/4	
ESE	.1/2	
SE	.1/4	
S	.1/4	
SSW	2.	
S	.1/4	
SE	.3/4	
SSE	.1/4	A fish Dam
S	.1/4	
SW	.1/4	
WSW	.3/4	A Small Riffle
SSW	.1/4	
SSE	.1/4	
E	.1/2	
ESE	.1/4	
SE	.1/4	an Island
SSE	1.1/2	Strong Currant
ESE	.1/4	
ENE	.1/4	Strong Currant
S	1.	
SSE	.1/2	
SSW	2.	Strong Currant, Creek from East
SW	1.	
S	.1/4	
SE	1.	
E	.1/4	

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	Miles	Remarks
	.1/4	Strong Currant and an Island
	.	
	.1/4	to the Falls of Chernutt Hill
	.1/4	
	.1/4	
	.1/4	
	.1/4	Falls Ends
	.1/4	
	.1/4	
	.1/2	a Run from west
	.1/4	Strong Currant
	.1/4	
	.1/4	Strong Riffle
	.1/4	
	.1/4	Strong Currant
	.1/4	
	.	Strong Currant and an Island
	.1/4	
	2.	Strong Currant and an Island
	.1/2	
	.1/2	
	.1/4	Strong Riffle
	.1/4	Strong Currant
	1.	Same and an Island
	.1/4	
	.1/4	Strong Riffle
	.1/4	Strong Currant and an Island
	.1/4	Same
	.1/4	Same to Cumberland Road, Sandy Creek from NE and a Run from West
Total	.1/2	To Crossings

This total is incorrect but is the same as in the original.

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Courses	Distance Miles	Remarks from Crossings to Laurell Hill
E	.1/4	
SE	.1/4	Strong Currant.
SSW	.1/2	Same, and an Island
S	1.	Same
SSE	2.	Same
SE	.1/2	to begining of the falls of Laurell Hill
SSE	.1/4	where I left the Canoe and went up the
SE	.1/2	River to the end of the last Course, and
ESE	.1/2	found it Impracticable for Battoes to proceed farther
	5.3/4	

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(July 10, 1760)

ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 151, A. L. S.]

Carliel 10 July 1760

Dear Sir

your faufer of 27 June I Resifed and Shill obseruf whot you Say about ye Saw mill I hauef agred with a taner he goos up In a fue Days he is [aganem] and I am told a good a taner ye genr^l heas Left ye pepal wich caused thier one flower acct to be Satled By me and p^d

I am Sir
Your your most Humbel Servant
A HOOPS

[Endorsed] M^r. Hoops 10th. July 1760

[Addressed] On His Majestys Service To Colonel Henry Bouquet Esqr. Fort Pitt

(July 12, 1760)

LORD BARRINGTON TO GENERAL JEFFREY AMHERST

B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 155, C.J

War Office 12th July 1760

Sir

The King having been Informed of Certain transactions relative to Issue of Forage the last Summer, in the course of which some of the Officers of the Army Appeared to have Signed false Returns, was pleased to Refer the Consideration of this Matter, & of the Steps proper to be taken thereupon to the Board of General Officers; And the Board having given their Opinion that the Returns in Question were Signed by the Several Officers through Inadvertence, and not with any Intention of Fraud, His Majesty being Willing to hope that this Opinion is well founded, hath been Graciously pleased to put a Stop to all further prosecution of this Affair But as Inadvertence in Matters of duty is itself highly Agreeable, His Majesty hath order'd that all the Officers, Who may have been any way Concerned in this transaction, should be Severley Reprimanded by their Respective Colonels, And that they should be Cautioned in the strongest manner against a Negligence and Inattention which may Subject them, as in the Present case, to the heaviest Censure of Millitary Law, And which will not a Second time be passed Over with the same Linity by His Majesty.

Tho the Regiments under your Command were not in any way Concerned in this transaction His Majesty hath thought fit to Order that a like Caution should be given to them, And Accordingly I am to Signify to you, it is His Majesty's Pleasure that You do take this Opportunity of Recommending to the several Officers under your Command the strictest Fidility and Exactness in their Returns of all kinds, and of Reminding them that it is of the highest [importance] to his Majesty's Service, that he should be able to depend as [much upon] the Care & Attention, as upon the Honour of the Officers

I have the Honour to be, Sir
&ca

BARINGTON

Amherst &c

[Endorsed] Copy of Letter from Ld Barrington Secretary at at Warr to General Amherst dated Warr office 12th July 1760

(July 16, 1760)

ALEXANDER LUNAN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 157, A. L. S.]

Philad.a 16. July. 1760

Dear Sir,

Your kind favour of the 27.th past, I had the pleasure of receiving a few days since. There are no Letters from Quebec, that I've heard of, that are any more particular than the Publick papers; Nor is there yet any of our Vessells arrived from that port.

It was from General Stanwix that I heard of Your Battalion going to the Northward, and I think he had of it of General Monkton; that soon after I wrote Capt. Barnsley, I heard it was not true. & that the order's were Contradicked, I mean Countermanded, and I hope they were so, as I should be very sorry that You went any further than Pittsburg, for many Reasons. I am much obliged to you for putting Cap.t Barnsley in mind of the Remittance. He has sent me the chief part, and promises me the ballance Soon. I know not What return to make for all Your favours & Civilitys to me.

Your friends at Castle Willing, as the General used to Call it, are all well. Bettsey had a touch of the Fever and Ague last week, & was with the Others, at the Fishing House yesterday perfectly Well. That plaghey thing call'd Business prevented me from partaking of the pleasures of that Day, But I call'd up, & spent the Evening Where You, as usuall, was the favourite Toast, of that most Agreeable and Gentcel Family. General Stanwix left this the 3.d Curr.t So that I had not the Opp.ty of making Your last Complements. If you have no previous or particular Engagements to any suttler, I beg Leave to recomend William M.cAlaster to your Countenance & protection. He's a very honest good Natured Man, and I think is now pretty well provided.

I sent up all my ready made shirts to his Care.

I am with much respect
Dear Sir,
Your most obliged hble Serv.t

ALEX: LUNAN.

[Endorsed] M.r Lunan. 16.th July 1760

(July 18, 1760)

326. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B.M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 153, A. L. S.]

Camp att Le Beuff 18th July 1760

Dear Sir,

The inclosed Letters I omitted sending by Hutchins.

Agreeable to your Orders left at this Place I shall endeavour to get to Presque Isle this afternoon if our horses dont fail. I have only Six Bullocks & about the Same number of Sheep, the General thinking proper to give us only twenty Days Provissens from Pittsbg.

Capt Ethringtons Servant came up with me & is Sent on before with two of my Party that he may join his master before he leaves Presque isle.

I am
Dr Sir
Your most obedt Servt

HUGH MERCER

Two Packs belonging to the R. A. Regt were found att the first Camp on this side of Beaver Creek and are sent on with Mr Croghans Baggage.

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Col. Mercer dated Le Beef 18th July 1760. received at Presqu' Isle the Same day at noon

(July 23, 1760)

CAPT. RICHARD MATHER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 161, A. L. S.]

Camp near Fort Pitt July 23d 1760

Dr Sr

I have taken this Opportunity of sending Corpl Owl of Capt Cochrans Company with 7 Men belonging to the Neiagara Detachmt the six Men who returnd have been punishd (except Miller who showd a Note from his officer) I did not chuse to give them the whole Punishmt least it might prevent their being able to perform the March.

The General upon my Application has allowd Me to try the Deserters except Robinson & McDormant (who I hope he reserves for Examples) by a Regll Court Martial for absenting themselves from the Regt without Leave & this Morning were severely punishd before the Guards; I have orderrd those that belongd to the Compys here to joyn their respective Compys & those of the Detachment at Neiagara to be drawn for as Recruits as They were not included in the Muster, & to have Credit for their Subce from the time of their being apprehended

We have been apprehensive that some of Us wod have seen you at presquisle but the General is now determind to keep the Royal Amns with Him. We mount the Fort Guard his own Guard consisting of a Serjt & 18 Grendrs & a Corpl & 6 on the Garden. He does not suffer us to do any of the Out Duty wch the Virgns Inter Nos dont seem to rellish

I know of No News to send You, Our Mess goes on in the same Way you left us, joyn with me in Complimts to You & All Friends, Tell Bassett a Fatallity attends His Bastion, They have been obligd to lighten the Top. I hope we shall see you here soon from

Your obligd hle Servant

RICHd MATHER

(July 23, 1760)

July 27th Lieut. Bentinck sends you Large packetts of Lres News papers &c. We hope soon to have the News of Genl. Amherst's Success From Your Quarter, And then it putts an End to Our Wishes, as to Conquests in America except those where the Fair Ones are concernd Sir John Sinclair is expected here every Day, but is I'm told in a Dangerous way.

[Endorsed] Capt Mather July 23d 1760

(July 24, 1760)

GEN. THOMAS CRESAP TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 163, A. L. S.]

Old Town, July 24th, 1760

Sir

At the Request of several of the Members of the Ohio Company, of which I myself am one, I take the Freedom of Acquainting your Honour, that they are inclined to let you be Partaker of the Grant, which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to give them of Five Hundred Thousand Acres of Land, lying on & adjacent to the South Side of the River Ohio, on the same Terms and Conditions as they themselves are under, each Members Share of said Land being Twenty Five Thousand Acres.

If your Honour should approve of becoming a Member of said Company, I should be glad to receive a Letter from You, that I might acquaint the Gentlemen, (several of whom are of his Majestys Council in Virginia) with your Determination

I am Sir
Your humble Servant
THOS CRESAP

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P. S. The Company proposes so soon as the Wars are ended, to settle the Land with Germans & Switzers, which they shall send for, and encourage.

[Endorsed] Letter from Mr Cresap 24th July 1760

[Addressed] To Col: Henry Boquet Commanding his Majestys Forces at Presqu'Isle

(July 28, 1760)

LIEUT. WILLIAM POTTS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M. Add. MSS. 21645, f. 165, A. L. S.]

[Fort Pitt, July 28, 1760.]

Sir.

I have the Pleasure to send you Inclosed the Monthly Return for July, in which Appears Eleven Men Recruited, all which are Men returnd from Desertion as specify'd on the Back of the Return. Two of Them Viz Woodhouse & Downs had Deserted from the Recruiting Parties. The whole by the Generals Orders has been try'd by a Regtl Court Martial and Punish'd, And are all now appointed to Companies here, five of Them had deserted from the Companies at Niagara but as they were struck Of their Rolls It will make no Difference their being Appointed to Compys here. I have Inclosed to Major Walters a Copy of the Return of ~~July~~ June And also a Return of all the Men of Their Companies that were left behind, Return'd from their Command, sick down the Country &c. &c. that they may not be at a loss to make up the Return of July Corpl Owl with Eight Men of the four Companies marches with this Command, four of which are men that return'd from ye Command and have been since Punishd by the Genls orders. Doubt has no Arms, says his own Arms are wt his Company for which Reason Ct Mather wod order him none from this Place. Capt Etheringtons Muster Rolls has come to hand, but he has only sent four instead of five. Ct Schlossers is not yet Come. Our men do all ye Duty Dayly aboute ye Garrison, the Provinl Mount

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weekly and have ye out Duties. Our Reg^t has one relief for ye whole Guards and 35 men for ye works Daily beside Artifficers which are 30 that [illegible] Fatigue. I am much at a loss what to do with the Regiment [illegible] ye Reg^t is again devided But shall use all means possible to [illegible] properly forward with them, without stateing them anew - till the Winter or till we shall again joyne.

I am Sir with much Esteem

Your most Obd^t Hble Servt

Wm POTTS

Fort Pitt July 28th 1760

P. S. Mr John St Clair Arrived here this Morning

[Endorsed] Lieut^t Potts 28th July 1760

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet

(July 28, 1760)

CAPT. JOHN SCHLOSSER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 167, A. L. S.]

Niagarra le 28 Juillet 1760.

Mon Colonel!

Conformement a ce que j'ai eu l'honneur de Vous dire en partant de Presqu'Isle, j'envoye à Mr Barnsley les listes de Revuë et quelque decomptes que j'avois avec le Regiment. J'ai profitté de la même occasion pour vous faire tenir un autre decompte de quelques articles que j'avois payé par vos orders la pluspart pendant que j'etois à Lancaster, j'espere que vous voudrez bien m'en faire rembourser et remettre l'argent au Capt Barnsley, qui par Ses as-

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signations au Paymaître general pourra m'en fairè rembourser, Comme par un Chéval, qui a perit en chemin j'ai perdu des Tentes & que j'ai appris que les Pensylvaniens ont apporté a Presqu'Isle 2 Sac detentes, deux tentes, un habit et une Blankette: je vous prie de me les renvoyér par le Retour de Mr Jinkens. de même que mon leggen Stoff &c S'il est arrivé de Pittsburg, le Paymaster m'a dejà charge de tout & Si je ne puis le livrer aux Soldats je ne peu les en charger & par consequent j'en fais la perte Sans ma faute, le Service m'ayant oblige de m'en eloigner. Sans pouvoir l'attendre dans aucun lieu q'ici.

J'ai fait remettre à Vôtre Domestique le Cheval que Mr Bentinck m'n fait le plaisir de me prêter Sans vous en faire Rapport, j'èspere ou qu'il lui Sera remit ou vendû pour lui.

Nous Somes heureusement arrivé ici le 24 currant dans nôtre Exil, nous avons eu bien de la peine a côttoyer le Lac, nous avons fait une Espéce de Naufrage, qui nous fracasse plusieurs Wheele Boads a ne pouvoir plus Servir, mais pas un homme de perit, le 44me Regiment je crois aura souffert encore plus parceque le tems étoit bien mauvais le 25 jour de Son depart et deux jours ensuitte. La Place est assez jolie et forte, le front qui Se presente à la Campagne est considerablement grand, garnit d'un Ravelin, de deux lunettes & un bon Chemin Couvert, le tout doublement Pallisadé c'est a dire un Palisade Sur le bord interieur de la Couvette & une autre Sur la berme mais rien revetû, c'est domage, il y a outre la Caponiere dans le fossé tout ce qu'un front regulier doit avoir, mais à mon advis la garnison est de beaucoup trop foible outre que la place est de pour vue de quasi tout, pas un fusil de reserve dans le Magazin, rien excepté le Cannon & quelque boulets pour la defence, point de gens de mêtiers que les nôtre point d'armurier &c: quoiqu'il y ait toute Sorte de boutiqué et places avec les outils pour travailler, point de Provisions que du borik, de la farine et quelque boeur, les marchands n'ont rien avendre que ce qui convient aux Indiens, il y a fort peu devin et de Rom excepté pour les Sauvage, il paroit que les Ennemis etoient mieu fourni que nous connoissant bien la consequence et la valeur de la Place. Nos gens Sont encore campés dans le Ravelin et le Chemin couvert, parceque le 44me regiment nous ont laissé les Casernes Si salles et Si puantes qu'il est inconsevable qu'ils ne Sont pas tous morts de Saleté et puanteur, les litteries étoient eparpillees de tout côté dans les Chambres ont avoit pissé &c " -- " -- " dessus, que nos gens Sont encore occupés a les chesher et leurs donner de l'air a netoyer les chambres, le devant et le derriere des Baracques avec les Rues & places. nous n'avons point encore de malades le tout Se porte bien & nous prendrons toutes les precautions a empecher les maladies.

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J'avois envie de vous envoyer le plan de la place avec les attaques, mais le tems ne me là pas permit, je tacherai ce pendant de le faire a la premiere occasion, je pense que le Capne Gordon en recevra un de l'Ingenieur Mr Demler. car je Sai que mon fils lui en a fait un.

J'ai l'honneur d'être avec Respect

De mon Colonel
Le très humble & très obeissant Serviteur

J: SCHLOSSER.
Capt:

Coll: Bouquet

[Endorsed] Capt Shlosser 28th July 1760

[TRANSLATION]

Niagara, July 28, 1760.

My Colonel:

Conforming to what I had the honor of telling you on leaving Presque Isle, I am sending Mr. Barnsley the lists of the returns and some accounts that I had with the regiment. I am taking this same opportunity to send you another account of a few articles I had paid by your orders, the most of them while I was at Lancaster. I hope that you will be kind enough to reimburse me, and to remit the money to Captain Barnsley, who through his orders to the paymaster general could repay me as for a horse which died on the road. I have lost the tents and as I have learned that the Pennsylvanians have brought to Presque Isle 2 tent bags, two tents, a uniform and a blanket, I beg you to send them back to me when Mr. Jenkins returns, as well as the material for my leggings, etc., if it has arrived from Pittsburgh. The paymaster has already charged me for everything and if I cannot deliver it to the soldiers I cannot charge them; consequently I will be the loser through no fault of mine, the Service having obliged me to leave without waiting for it in any other place.

(July 28, 1760)

I have given to your servant the horse Mr. Bentinck was kind enough to lend me without making a report to you. I hope it will either be returned to him or sold for him.

We arrived here safely the 24th of this month. In our exile, we had much difficulty to coast along the lake shore. We were nearly shipwrecked, and several wheel boards were broken beyond repair, but not a man was lost. I think the 44th regiment must have suffered still more, for the weather was very bad on the 25th, the day of its departure, and the two days following. The post is rather fine and strong, the front which faces the open country is of considerable size, furnished with a ravelin, two windows and a well protected passageway all with double palisades, that is to say a palisade along the inside edge of the banquette and another on the path but nothing covered, which is a pity. There is besides that a covered passage in the moat, everything that a regular front should have, but in my opinion the garrison is much too weak. Besides, the post lacks almost everything, not a musket in reserve in the magazine, nothing except the cannon and a few bullets for defense; no artisans but our own, no gunsmith, etc., although there are all sorts of workshops and places with tools for working; no provisions except some pork, flour and a little butter. The merchants have nothing to sell but Indian goods. There is very little wine and rum, except for the savages. It seems that the enemy was better supplied than we, knowing well the importance and value of this post. Our men are still camping in the ravelin and the covered road because the 44th regiment left the barracks so dirty and odorous that it is inconceivable they did not all die from filth and stench. The bed clothes which were scattered all around the rooms, had been [. . . . .]. Our men are still busy trying to dry and air them and to clean the rooms, the front and back of the barracks, together with the streets and grounds. We have as yet no sick, all are well and we shall take every precaution to prevent sickness.

I wished to send you an outline of the post with the approaches but time does not permit. I will try, however, to do so at the first opportunity. I think Captain Gordon will receive one from the engineer, Mr. Demler, as I know my son has made one for him.

I have the honor to be with respect,

My colonel's
Most humble and most obedient servant,

J. SCHLOSSER
Capt.

(July 28, 1760)

CAPT. THOMAS BARNSLEY TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 169, A. L. S.]

Camp near Fort Pitt the 28th July 1760

Dear Sir

I Receivd yours of the 13th Instt with Capt Etheringtons Muster Rolls, and a Soldiers Note which money has been stopd and paid to me: and as I Receivd some other Notes from Capt Cochrane belonging to officers & men gone to Niagara, have wrote to him to pay the Money, as it has all been Stop'd and paid to me by Col Bird

The men that Returnd from you to this place, as well as some that have Recover'd from Sickness Capt Mather sends by this Command Viz

Maj Walters { Jno Miller, Jos Bramble }

Capt Cochranes { Corpll Owl, Chrisr Brandon, Jos Flowers, Jno Nemire }

C Schlossers { Dr Bartley, Barny Dunn }

C Etheringtons Pha: Doubt

And I have by Capt Mathers orders paid to the Corpll 10 S: for Each.

I Spoke to Major Gates Concerning the Credit for Major Walters he said he would speak to the Genll about it but have heard no more of it since.

If you should want any thing to be sent to you, please to Let me know, and I will take all possible means to send it to you, and am

Dear Sir
Your Most Humble and Most Obedient servant

THOS BARNSLEY

(July 28, 1760)

P S Sir John St Clair Arriv'd here this forenoon in tolerable good health but Complains much of a Weakness in his Knees & hands.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt. Barnsley 28th July 1760

Capt R. A. R.

(July 29, 1760)

MAJOR WILLIAM WALTERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 170, A. L. S.]

Niagara July 29th 1760.

Dear Colonel

I am to acknowledge the favour of Your Letter Dated 20th Instant with a List of Materials You want for carrying on Your works at Presqu'. I have ordered Mr Denler who is Left Engineer to this Garrison, to Send Every Article that can be Spared from this Fort which he Sends by this opportunity I Like wise Send you twenty Barrels pork as to flour it cannot well be Spared from hence as we have only two Hundred & Eighty Barrels in Store. You mention that you Depend upon being Supplyed with ammunition and provisions from this Garrison. I Dont think it is Practicable as the navigation is Prearious and my Garrison only consists of a Smale Number of men and a great many will always be Employd in repairing the Works. the next day after we Left You all our boats was Drove on Shore amongst the Rocks two of the boats was Dashd to peices and the others was much Damaged.

By this opportunity I have Sent Genl Monckton an Exact account of the Fortifications artillery ammunition & provisions by which He will be able to See what assistance I can give You.

I have sent one officer & thirty men with the pork and Tools Mr Weeden Returns with this party I am told by some Indians this day that the boat that we hard was on the Lake with french & Indian is returned to Detroit and that they only wanted to See what we was about, I beg my complements to the Gentlemen with you

(July 29, 1760)

we have not one morsil of fresh Meat in the Garrison & the fishing Season is over.

I am with great Esteem Dear Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servant

Wm WALTERS

Colonel Boquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Walters 29th July 1760

Memor. Money to Jas^r Logan send him back

(August 1, 1760)

ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 172, A. L. S.]

fort pet ye 1 agest 1760

Dr Sir

After maken auctel Sorvey at Eufery post one ye Comminshon I arrifed hear yesterday and am only to stay 2 Days you will See By ye generel Steat of prichings In closed that theer Is now Danger of Want and I hauef Still 1000 Beefs porched wich Is not marcked In ye Inclosed Retion Eufery thing geos one very Well Bot ye Roods very Bad I hop to Be at this ples In two monts from this Det and hops to hauef ye pleshingur of Seen you

I am Der Sir
Your most obledg Humbel Servent

A HOOPS

To Col Henry Beqet Esqr

[Endorsed] Mr Hoops 1st Aug^t

(August 4, 1760)

JAMES MANN TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 174, A. L. S.]

Strand 4 Aug.t 1760

Sir

I Beg Leave Informing you of the first Batal.n of the Roy.l American's Cloathing for this year being Ship'd on b.d the John W.m Outram, of which Inclosed you have the Invoice of packing & Bill of Loading. the returns of the Regim.ts In Gen.l being Incompleat my orders have been to Send only 875 Incl.g Gren.rs w.ch you will find agree w.th the within packing account. I Hope Ev'ry thing will be found agreeable which You may depend Sir, has been my particular Care to have so. I remain

Sir
Y.r most oblig'd & most h.ble Servant

JAMES MANN

Col.o Stanwix

[Endorsed] M.r Mann 4.th Aug 1760 Cloathing

(August 6, 1760)

MAJOR WILLIAM WALTERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 175, A. L. S.]

Niagara 6.th August 1760

Dear Colonel

I am to acquaint you that an Express arrived Last night at Eleven o'Clock from Gen.l Amherst with Dispatches for Gen.l Monckton

(August 6, 1760)

which I forward this day Genl Amherst intends that Your Post Shall be Supplied with pork and flour from hence Your Party fetching it from the Landing place at the head of Lake Erie.

I have enclosed a Return of the Detatchment of the first Battalion Royal American Reg^t to you. I Likewise Send you an account of the number of Barrels of pork & flour we have in this Garrison We cannot Expect a fresh supply untill the Sloop is of the Stocks which I Expect will be in about Eight days time

I hope the twenty Barrel pork with the materials got Safe I beg my Compliments to the Gentlemen with you I wish you Success.

I am Dear Colonel
Your most obedient Humble Servant

M^c WALTERS

To Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Walters 6th Aug: answered the 11th 1760.

(August 8, 1760)

LT. ROBERT M^cKENZIE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[Br. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 177, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango August ye 8th 1760.

Sir

On the 29th Ult^o Major Stewart embarked with 100 Men on Board 1[illegible] Batteaux loaded with Tools Provisions &c to take Post at this Place. I marched on the 31st with 50 Men belonging to his Command to escort 30 Bullocks 30 Sheep and as many light Pack Horses, who were intended to carry Flour to Presqu'Isle. I arrived here the 5th Inst at which Time I was to have met him, but was disappointed. The next Day I purchased a Bark Canoe; and sent down two Men to let

(August 8, 1760)

him know I was here, and to acquaint him wth the Distance he had to come. I have since heard Nothing from him, and do conclude that the River is too low for the Battoes to swim. I have therefore thought proper to hire the Bearer, a Delaware Indian, named Champion, to carry up the Generals Letters to you. He is recommended to me by Capt Pattison as a true Friend and a trusty Fellow, and I chose to send him as I am informed by the Indians here that there are Enemy Indians watching the Road, and that a Number of French Tawas & Chippiwas have actually crossed the Lake to attack your Post.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obed^{t} humble Servant

ROB^{t} M^{c}KENZIE

three Whip saws Two tackle Blocks and falls with ⅌ Ropes for them and what can be Spared of the last list

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt McKenzie 8th August
Answered 11th

[Addressed] On his Majesty's Service To Col^{o} Henry Bouquet at Presque Isle

(August 10, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 179, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango August 10th 1760.

Sir

I arriv'd here yesterday with the Batteaux after a tedious Passage in which we encounter'd many Difficulties, Capt McKenzie

(August 10, 1760)

arrived with Bullocks, Sheep & Pack Horses several days before me: we have 24 Bullocks & 29 Sheep of which I send you by Maj.r Smallman 15 of each kind 14 Horse Loads of Flower 4 Horses M.r Duplesses loads with Tools &c. for M.r Bassett & Six Horses with Stores & Baggage for the Officers at Presqueile one was Sent with an Express to you & the other 3 lost before I got here Inclos'd is a return of the provisions & Stores left any part of which you'll please order I shall send by next Convoy which will be immediately sent so soon as the Horses return. The General told me that the same Number of Virg.s would return with the Horses as goes up with them of Lenox's; of the Detachm.t that came up by Water no less than 68 are Lame & Sick which at Present greatly deminishes our small Force; I brought up 9 Royal americans of Maj.r Waters's Command which Cap.t Mathers desires may be sent on To the Major but as only 2 of them are able to March I have allowed them to Stay till next Convoy

I have likewise sent you 3 Deserters from General Gages Reg.t who were brought in here by the Indians. I hope the whole will get safe to hand. I heartily wish you every thing agreeable & am w.th Respect

Sir
Your most Obed.t & Most Hble Serv.t

ROBERT STEWART

P.S. I send you by Maj.r Smallman Several Letters w.ch I brought from Pittsburgh, M.r Duplesis sends M.r Bassett an Acc.t of the Tools &c.a that remains here, we have 5,900 Cartridges here

[Indorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Stewart 10.th August 1760

The Pens: Tents

(August 15, 1760)

MAJOR WILLIAM WALTERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 181, A. L. S.]

Niagara 15.th August 1760.

Dear Colonel

I recev.d the favour of Your Letter yesterday by Captain Clapham at which time the Sloop that was built here was making Ready to Sail in order to fetch provision to this Garrison Which I hope She will return Soon.

I have sent an officer with twenty four men to assist Capt. Clepham with the Battoes which brings you thirty Barrels pork & ten Barrels flouer which is all the flouer that can be Spared untill the Return of the Sloop which I shall Expect Every day.

I have acquainted General Amherst with your Request for Sawyers and materials to build a vessel. as we have not anything of that kind in Store here, Lieut. Colonel Eyre acquainted general Amherst that every thing of Stores that Could be Spared from hence was Sent by Lieut. Jinkins. I have Sent you one Barrel pitch which I got from Lieut. Robertson who commands the Sloop oakum we have none.

I likewise Send four whip Saws two Cross cutt saws two adds and Six masons Trowels, four half Barrels Gun powder 224 wait of musquet Ball 440 & fine paper 30 Quires Thread one pound Flints 500 Musquet Cartridges with Ball 330.

I have sent to Gen.l Monckton Returns of the State of the Garrison with the Stores Ammunition and Provisions which Please to forward

To Colonel Bouquet

(August 15, 1760)

I Send by this opportunity Serj^{t} Coope Dennis Cochran & Frederick Humph which men have been Delivered up by the Indians they all want to have their accounts Setled by the Paymaster as they belong to the company at Pittsburgh. as to having only 390 men in our last monthly Return Capt Cochran had two men Disserted from his company the morning that we Left Pittsburgh.

I wish you Success

I am Dear Colonel
Your most obedient Humble Servant

Wm WALTERS

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Walters 15th August 1760 Received the 25th Answered the 2^{d} Sep^{t}

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet Commanding at Presqu'Isle

(August 16, 1760)

SOPHIA FESCH TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 183, A. L. S.]

Sophy Hall a 16 Aout 1760

J'ay reçeu la Semaine passè mon cher Coll, votre lettre du 7me may mortifie jusqu'au fond de L'ame de voir Come vous est fachè & que vous a yes tan de désagrement; tous ce que je puis dire est, que je me flate qui ent Mr Fesch vous l'ecrira, qu'il Scavra en partie vous apaiser, & que vous le trouverai moin Coupable de beaucoup, de ce que vous le Pançe.

Ses Messr^{s} ont eux bien de traver dan leur Comencement; du Chagrin d'un par & d'otre, le pauvre Guinand en est mort de Chagrin:

(August 16, 1760)

Troi moi avan Sá mort il me dit ce qu'il á vait sur le Coeur & il l'a ecrit a son frere a L'occasion qu'on envoyés de Jeune gens, qui ce donoient des air de maitre ce que ne pouvoit Convenir, a lui qui vouloit passer pour Riche & faire un bon mariage il prioit son frere, de faire en Sorte que Mr. D'elient ne l'inquietoit plus, Car il ne sá corde pas ávece lui de tout.

Ou de pui la mort de G. Se même Jeune Homme ce donne Serieusement les air de maitre: Sur quel fondement nous ignoron.

Vous mavouerai que ce bien fachu pour un homme qui doit rendre les Comptés & qu'on croit à la tété des afaires; de se voir traverser en tout; item Fesch ne plus un Etranger, dan ce Pay, il est au'fait de tous, ce qu'il ce passe; mais j'ignore Ses Chagrin's.

Jé Suis tre fachè d'antrer dans tous ce detail, mais ce que ce moi qui en Soufrira le plus, de tous ce Derangement.

Nous au'rons une tres bonne Recolte a ce qu'il paroit a V. H. en Ris Bleé & Cª mais point d'indigo, il y'a eu un grand Secheressé au'comenscement de la Saison, qui la tous tuée.

Le Prix des Negres ne sont pas tombé, ce petit Garçon dont vous parler, Couteroient l'un avec l'autre 150 £. Voici joint une Liste de ce que je vous ais envoiyé par le Convoy;

Je me suis adresse au deux Coll Mongomery & Grant, enfin de vous envoiyer tout votre Bagage Sans Exception (Come vous ordone) mais il ont dit a prex avoir vu le tout qu'il ne toit pas posible, de le prendre; car ils navoient que troi Veausséaux, & tre peu de place, je leurs ais Prie de prendre portie, ce qu'il m'ont acorde; le troi Cauffre sont, on Board the Brigg Swann Capt. Waddel, dan chaque Cauffre une Liste de ce qu'il Contienent: la grande Caise de Mathematique, je ne vous le pas envoyé, Crainte de quelque malheur, mais par Primier Occasion vous l'anverrai a droiteur a Philadelphi, avec un petit Garçon, qui cera ásurer; la petit Caise de Mathematique, est par mi votre Linge, Come vous verai sur la liste dan Cauffre Nº 3 -- bien en pacoté. Jé pui vous asurer que pandent qu'ils ont été entre me main, J'on ais eux tous le soin Posible, pas le maindre malheur leur Étente arivé: Jes pere que vous le rèceverai de même, tout en bon ordre.

J'ay Cherche parmi tout vos Livre je ne pas pu trouver, The use of the Theodolite le troi [. . .] Tome du Traites des Echels, Sont dan la Liste avece des autre Livres.

(August 16, 1760)

Mr Fesch tachera de vandre un portie de vos fusils, dit moi sil vous plait si vous voulais que l'on vende quelques une de vos Sellas ils y'a 3 neuve & 3 vielle, & a Combien.

J'ay les perance de voir mon B. frere cest h'ver, Come il est Malesse, peutetre le laiseraton venir, ce que jes per me metre, un portie a mon aise. addieu mon Cher Colonel je vous de mecorder, toujours votre amitie un quel je fai beaucoup de Cor/. Soirés persuade qu'il n'y á persone, qui soit plus votre sincere amie.

& tres heubl servante

SOPHIA FESH

P. S. la petite verole a fair un grand ravage parmi les Negre, ce pendent bieu merci nous n'avons perdu que la Negresse Hebbe & le petit enfent males Sunday, ce lui que je vous ais marque dan ma derniere.

[TRANSLATION]

Sophy Hall, Aug. 16, 1760.

I received your letter of May 7 a week ago, my dear Colonel. Mortified to the bottom of my heart to learn of your displeasure and that you have so many disappointments, all I can say is that I trust when Mr. Fesch writes to you he will be able, in part, to appease you, and that you will find him less guilty, by far, than you think.

These gentlemen have met with many obstacles from the very beginning; troubled on every side, poor Guinand died of a broken heart.

Three months before his death, he told me what he had on his mind and he wrote to his brother at the time when they sent a young man, who assumed a lordly manner which did not suit him, as he wished to appear rich and to make an advantageous marriage. He begged his brother to see to it that Mr. Delient no longer annoyed him, for they could not possibly agree.

(August 16, 1760)

Since G.'s death, this same young man has taken on an even more important air. On what grounds it is based, we are ignorant.

You will admit that it is very disturbing for a man who has to render the accounts and who is supposedly at the head of affairs to find himself thwarted on every occasion. Moreover, Fesch is no longer a stranger in this country. He is aware of all that is going on but I am ignorant of his troubles.

I am very sorry to go into all these details, but it is I who will suffer the most under all this disagreement.

It seems that we will have a very good crop at V. H. of rice, wheat, etc. but no indigo. There was a severe drought at the beginning of the season, which destroyed everything.

The price of negroes is the same; the small boy of whom you speak, will cost altogether 150 lb. Herewith is enclosed a list of what I have sent you by the convoy.

I went to see the two Colonels, Montgomery and Grant, to finally arrange to send you all your baggage, without exception (as you ordered) but they told me, after looking everything over, that it was impossible to take it, since they had only three vessels and very little room. I begged them to take part of it which they agreed to do. The three chests are on board the brigantine, "Swann," Captain Waddel. In each chest there is a list of its contents. The large box of Mathematiques [instruments?] I will not send lest something should happen to it, but at the first opportunity I will send it directly to Philadelphia, with a small boy, which will be the safe way. The small box of Mathematiques, you will find among your linen as you will see by the list in chest No. 3 -- well packed; I can assure you that during the time they were in my possession, I took the best possible care, that nothing happened to them. I hope you will receive everything in the same good condition.

I have looked among all your books; I could not find "The use of the Theodolite." The three volumes on trading and buying are on the list with the other books.

Mr. Fesch will try to sell some of your guns. Please tell me if you want us to sell any of your saddles; there are 3 new and 3 old ones, and how much do you want for them?

(August 16, 1760)

I hope to see my brother-in-law this winter. As he is wounded, perhaps they will permit him to come, which I hope will partly restore my peace of mind. Adieu, my dear Colonel. I beg you to grant me forever your friendship which I greatly cherish, and rest assured that no one is more sincerely your friend and most humble servant.

JOHN FESCH

P. S. Smallpox is very prevalent among the negroes, but thank God, we lost only the negress Nebbe and the small boy, Sandy, of whom I wrote in my last letter.

(August 16, 1760)

ANDREW FESCH TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 185, A. L. S.]

Charlestown the 16 August 1760.

Dear Sir.

In obedience to Your order, have Sent by the Crann Brigantine Capt Waddel 3 of your trunks directed to you under the Care of Lieut Colonel Grant, who promis'd to See 'Em Safe delivered in the possession of Mr Hugh Wallace of New York, I have wrote to Wallace & desired him to to keep theese trunks in Good Custody, till you order him how to dispose of them. The transports being very much crouded, this is all what Colonel Grant could take so that the Remainder of your Effects will be Sent you by the first Schooner going from hence to Philadelphia directly, consigned to Thomas Willing Esqr at Your disposal.

Two Negro Boys Shall also be Sent You by the same Schooner to Philadelphia, & the Boys I'll Take Care to insure here, but your other Effects, as I cannot estimate the Value, you'll be pleased to Gett them insured at Philadelphia, in case you do not Chuse to runn the risk of the Sea, for the risk of the Enemy we esteem here as nothing, as theere is nothing Seen upon the Coast that annoys our Small Craftt.

(August 16, 1760)

Your Particular Account Shall be Sent you by my next, if cannot be gott ready to go inclosed, I have my hands full to Sett all matters to rights, & my heart is full to see the Confusion they are in

I never knew till the 26 of Last month, that Col^l Prevost was arriv'd at New York, the day I received Mr Josph Haynes letter to whome the raggion of Fesch & Guinand is indebted £ 4000 Curr^y and I do not know which way to Turn to discharge it you must Expect to receive all the particulars, under Cover of m^r Willing of Philadelphia, & duplicates under cover of Hugh Wallace of New York, & be pleased to order theese friends, where to foreward your Letters Carefully

I have been remiss in writing, but Some of my letters never Came to Your hands, & were perhaps not Sent from hence.

all your fire arms are in Exceding fine order, & will be Sent you also by way of Philadelphia no Body [will] Give here 3 1/2 Guineas for the Pieces with Bagonetts, Mr Delliant makes use Of one pair Pistols (the plain ones) Of wch he takes great Care, I had the misfortune to burst one of theese mySelf, at the 3/4 lenght of the Barrells, So that it still makes a figure, & would be of no Service to You, however I would also Send thees, but to tell you the truth, Sir, I dare not ask him for them for fear of an insulting Answer, he Contributes much to perplex things, in Virtue of a power he says he is invested with, I do not know, how all this will finish, but so much I dare affirm to you Sir, that in the present posture Of affairs, I ought to be Assisted & not distressed

We shall make this Season, please God, more Rice at Walnutt hill then ever was made hav^g cleared more lands, & had tolerable good Seasons, but the Indico was all burnt up by the drought. Sophy Hall will never be a profitable place, but will fetch, I believe, £ 5000 Curr^y at Least, if Should be Sold, it is in exceding fine Order, but upon all thoose Matters shall be more particular, I must now beg Leave to Conclude & to subscribe mySelf with all obedient Regard

Sir
Your most obliged humble Servant

ANDREW FESCH

(The honble Col Bouquet Philadelphia)

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Mr Fesh 16th August 1760

(August 23, 1760)

MR. THOMAS WALKER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 187, A. L. S.]

Virginia August ye 23 1760

Sr/

Your favour of ye 24 of may I have received. The Vouchers for Waggonage allowed I shall transmit to Messrs Plumstead & Franks. the Ballance of four hundred forty eight Pounds & 10^d 3/4 Charged them have Payed & am In advance for the Crown which you will see by the Inclosed [Seeth] & shall be ready to Settle when required. The Errors in the Waggonage accompt I am Satisfyed of & have credited the Publick Accordingly.

Col: Mountgomrys retreat from the Cherokee Country renders it impracticable for the Virginians to do anything more than Clearing a road Part of the Way and Establishing some Posts on it which will forward any attempts Genearal Amherst may make that way next year

I am sorry to hear Mr Israel Christian who has been some time an Inhabitant of this colony is is like to fail in his contract with you. But hope neither his or any orther Persons who have settled in Virginia failing of Contracts they make for want of Abilitys to comply with them, will lessen your good Opinion of those who really are Virginians & I believe nerver have nor hope never will disappoint you in any thing they undertake without Sufficient reason for such disappointment. I hope to se you in the Winter & if any thing in my way can serve you Pleas to Comm^d

Your Most Humble Servt

THOMAS WALKER

To Col: Henry Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Mr Walker 23^d August 1760

(August 23, 1760)

CAPT. RICHARD MATHER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 189, A. L. S.]

Fort Pitt August 23d 1760

Dr Sr

I intended sending you by this Oppty a Monthly Return, but it seems Gen: Monckton does not Chuse I shod for fear of Accidents

We have found sevl Deserters amongst the pensylvanians, scarce a Week passes without some coming in. The Virginians with Col: Stevens brought in two which We have tryd by a Reg: Court Martial & punishd. We have had a General One but no Execution

I can think of No News to send you the Family at Castle Willing I am assurr'd are very well, Are not we to see You here soon? Capt Hay has lef us, to live in the Familly Way with Madam. I think he seems fonder of Her than ever. We are Wiping of the Rust by Degrees, exercising the Guards every Morning for at least an Hour have just now settl'd Accounts to ye 24th June & payd the Ballance after putting them in good Repair. I am sorry to find that Mr De Haas has certifyd since his coming here that sevl of the Grenadiers were inlisted by Him for a term of years which is expird. If these Certificates are allowd Valid, I shall lose my Best Men. I think 'tis rather trusting too much to His Memory. Poor Hybler is discharged by Order of the Genle out of the Artillery Service: I wish something cod be done for Him He seems a very good Man. All here are Well & Salute You. Complmts to Col: Mercer & all Friends with You

from
Your obligd hle Servt

RICHd MATHER

To Col: Bouquett

[Endorsed] Captain Mather 23d Aug. 1760

[Addressed] To Col: Bouquett Comanding at Presque Isle

(August 24, 1760)

LIEUT. WILLIAM POTTS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 190, A. L. S.]

Fort Pitt Augt 24th 1760

Dr Sir.

Inclosed I send you (Agreable to Mr Calcrafts Letter) A List of the several Officers in the Battalion that Have Purchased Commissions, which as I Apprehend Lord Barringtons Letter, is all He wants to Know. I am a little doubtfull if Capt Cochran purchased his Lieutenancy or Ensigncy but am pritty Certain He purchased one of them.

Should p this Opportunity have had the Pleasure of sending You The Monthly Returns &c But was Intimated to me by the B^{de} Mr That It was against the Generals Inclinations any Returns Being sent from Pittsburgh Your Road, As I sent the last Return which I presume has got to hand you will Know how we now stand when I Acquaint You Since the last we have had Eight Recruited (from ye Provin^{ls} deserters) one Dead & one Discharg'd Capt Schlossers Muster Rolls came to hand p the Last Conveyence But the two which have Certificates being neither of 'em sign'd I've inclosed them back again to him, to be signed and Return'd as soon as Possible. Corp^{l} Gasner of Capt Etheringtons Company and Wm Parr of C^{t} Schlossers being both Recover'd of ye Illness for which they were left behind, are at this Time order'd to March and Joyn their own Companys. The four Companys have still at this Place one Serj^{t}. 3 Musicians & 3 Priv^{t}, and two down ye Country sick and one a Gard^{f}. at Bedford. Dear Colonel As I have now Enterd all the late Attestations and put the Reg^{ts} Books in as good order as possible while the Reg^{t} remains Devided, I wou'd be advised if I shall now Distribute ye Attestations to ye several Companys that they May hereafter be Answerable for ye same when call'd for And for the Better Knowing the State and Strength of the Reg^{t} At all Times, And to prevent Numbers leaving the Reg^{t} by Surprise by producing Certificates of Inlistment for only a Term of years, which Indeed some have, w^{t}out even being Specified in their Attestations, or any Otherways noticed, Could gladly wish an Order was given for each Company to give in A Return of those Men Inlisted but for a Term specifying when Inlisted, for what Time Inlisted,

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mentioning their Authority, Certificate or other Reason for their only being Inlisted for a Time which I should keep as a Regts. Book. And we should always know what number we might expect to loose each season, and provide the Recruiting fund accordingly.

I have had no Return from the Company's at Niagara yet Woud be glad to Know if am to Receive any here from Thence that I might be Certain whether I shou'd keep open the Regts. Books for them or not. It woud give great Sattisfaction to have them, and might prevent the Regts. being exposed against those Errors And Mistakes, The Neglect of which in ye. like Case when The Battn. was Devided to Carolina was the Occation of I understand Lt. Baillie was wrote to Concerning Joyning His Company in the Place of Lt. Jenkins, but I hear no Determination on that Head as yet. The Mens Cloathing here are just Finishd And Capt. Hather has order'd the Leggons to be begun with The Parade is Exercised every Morning from half past 5 o'clock till 7 when they March of to Relieve the guards. The Number of Artifficers from ye. Battn. leavs but one Relief for ye. guards.

We have no News at Pittsburgh. All the Papers you will Receive p this opportunity, Northrn. News will reach you before us And we Dayly Expect News from that Quarter. Dr Sir we Expect shortly your Return to Pittsburgh, which wo'd give great Pleasure to Him who is with much Esteem

Yr. Most Obedt. Hble Servt.

Wm. POTTS

Lt. Bentinck has his Compltts & Desires to be Rememberd Shall be much Oblig'd if woud do me the Favour to make mine to Lt. Basset & Coll. Mercer

[Endorsed] Lieut. Potts 24th August 1760

[Addressed] Colonel Bouquet

(August 28, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 192, A. L. S.]

[Camp at Venango, Aug. 28, 1760.]

Sir

I was favourd with yours of the 15th Inst. accompanied with the Pack Horses who in general were by the badness of the Road &Ca. renderd till now unfit for Service one of them gave out & was left on the road & many of the rest quite tir'd, which is the reason of my not being able to send you another Convoy sooner, I now send 35 Horses whereof 25 are Loaded with Flower 5 with Tools 1 with wine & a small bundle for yourself which came here with the Inclos'd Letter from Mr Bentinck and [4] with Stores & Baggage for the Officers the whole Escorted by 1 Sub. 1 Serjt & 25 Rank & File in which the 9 Royal Americans are Included.

I this morning sent the empty baggs by the Batteaux who arrived here yesterday. We have not here one Bullock & but 3 small Sheep & 2 Barrells of Salt Beef. I hope some will soon Arrive. I send up 2 Deserters from the Pensylvanians

The small force we have here greatly diminish'd by Escorting the Convoys and the very small number of Artificers we have makes me apprehensive that we will not be able to finish the works before the rigurous Season comes on, which I am inform'd commonly setts in much sooner here than at Pittsburgh, we have only 4 Contracted Carpenters one of which is an apprentice and should I send up the Artificers belonging to the Pensylvania Regimt. before those of the Virginia Regimt. comes down it would greatly distress us & in a good measure put a Stop to our works I therefore beg you'l be so good as to send the Virginia Artificers to releive the Pensylvanians which will be of infinite Service to us, & I conceive can be of little or no detriment to the works at Presqueïle where they are in so great forwardness & carried on with so superior a Number of Artificers and Soldiers

(August 28, 1760)

I have sent the Tent left by Major Smallmans Party. The Horse that carries up your things is the property of Mr Bentinck I beg you'll be as good as to give orders that care be taken off him.

I am with great Respect
Sir
Your most Obedt. & Most hble Servt.

ROBERT STEWART

Camp at Venango Augt. 28th 1760}

[Endorsed] Major Stewart 28th August 1760

(August 29, 1760)

LORD BARRINGTON TO JOHN CALCRAFT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 194, C.]

War Office 29th August 1760

Sir

The King having informed that several of the Chaplains belonging to Regiments on Foreign Service, are absent from their dutys without having provided sufficient Deputies to Officiate for them, the same person being in many Cases substituted to do the Duty of several Regiments, I am commanded to Signify to you, It is his Majesties Pleasure that no Chaplain who is absent from his Regt. while abroad, shall receive his pay in the usual manner, but that it shall be retained in the hands of the agent until the Commanding Officer shall Certifie that said Chaplain hath had a Sufficient Deputy with the Regiment for the time for which he Demands his pay; and that the said Deputy hath not for the same period Acted as Deputy to any other Chaplain

(August 29, 1760)

I desire you will immediatly communicate this Order to the Regiment abroad to which you are Agent and that you will make me a return of the Chaplains to the s^d Regiments who are now absent from their Duty

I am
Sir
Your most Obed^t Humble Servant

Signed BARRINGTON

John Calcraft Esqr

[Endorsed] Copy of Lord Barringtons Letter dated 29th August 1760

(August 30, 1760)

DANIEL HILDREW TO ADAM HOOPS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 196, C.]

[London, Aug. 30, 1760.]

I have to Inform thee the affair Respecting the Bills pass'd in your Assembly was Determined the 28th Inst: the Lords have not only confirmed you Bill for the Year 1759 but also that for 1760 -- 100,000 each with some amendments & have (of the money Bill) only repealed that for reemitting 80000 which I think will not be Attended with near so bad Consequences, as if the others had met with the same disapprobation. The Proprietors rather lost than gained any Advantage as now a part of their Estate is deemed taxable which I think before was at an uncertainty. I embarked in this Affair, not as a party man, but for the general good of the merchants with you, whom I thought woud be very great sufferers by the money already Issued being Rendered of no Value a Petition wch was sign'd by some of us & presented to the Court was of good

(August 30, 1760)

Weight with the Gentlemen, w.ch Added to the great Assiduity of y.r Worthy Agents prevail'd with them much in favour of the Province. I am Respectfully

Thy Assured Friend

DAN.l MILDRED

London Aug.st 30.th 1760

To M.r Adam Hoops

Copy

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Extract of a Letter concerning the Money Bills passed by the P. A

(September 4, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 197, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango Sept.r 4. 1760

Sir

As the General desir'd I would embrace the opportunity of Cap.t Montour & his Indians to send you a Convoy of Flower & some Amunition. I herewith send 600 Cartridges upon each of the 4 Waggon Horses that came here for your Post I would have sent more but was desird not to Load these Horses & will if you Please send more by the next Convoy which I will send off in a few days after the return of the Horses from Presque Ile. I cannot now send any Flower having no Horses to send it upon & as we have only 16 Bullocks & 11 Sheep it is not worth sending a part of them. I send a Deserter from the Pensylvania Reg.t which came here from Pittsburgh likewise

(September 4, 1760)

a Corp.t I arrivate of Majr Walters Command there are 4 Royal American Men here which could not now go up for want of a Horse to Carry their Baggage I would be glad to know if I may let them have one of the Kings Horses to go by next Convoy. I am with great Deference

Sir
Your most Obedt & Most h'ble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

P.S. I deliverd a Packet for you to the bearer Mr Campbell}

[Indorsed] Major Stewart Sept 4th 1760

(September 7, 1760)

LIEUT. GEORGE McDOUGALL TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 199, A. L. S.]

Niagara 7th Septr 1760.

Dr Sir,

I am Very sorry it did not lay in my power to send you all you desird me to buy for you at this place, there was no Coffee to be gott here, nor could I gett the Beaver Blankets you Wanted, however Mr Gamelin the French officer here has Wrote to some of his Friends about Fort De Troit to desire them to get them and forward them to this Place, but I hope to have them bought here before Another Command comes this Way from you

Nothing could give me greater Pleasure than the letting me know any thing you wanted from this, and depend on it no one Would be more happyer thinking he Could serve you than I Would. When I arrived here I found Mr Hay in arest the reson he hes Wrot you off

(September 7, 1760)

I send you Inclosed the Acc^{t} of What things I could get for you.

I am Dr Sir
Your most obliged & Most obed^{t} Humble servant

GEORGE M^{c}DOUGALL

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut^{t} McDougall 7th Septr 1760

(September 7, 1760)

ENSIGN WILLIAM HAYE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 211, A. L. S.]

Niagara 7th September 1760

Dr Colonel

I am very sorry to acquaint you of an Unfortunate accident which has happened to me here as I am Sensible of your good Wishes for my Welfare & I know that you will pity me.

The Day after I arrived from Prisquisle, I went to ye Major in ye Morning; & told him I had done that Duty out of my turn; as it was Mr Jehu Hays Tour to have gone before; he then told me that he woud speak to me another time about it & said he was then Busie; Unluckyly for me in ye Evening I got in Liquor & went to him again; but am not Sensible on what Manner I spoke; & only remember some very aggravating words, passing between us; & when I was recoverd in ye Morning I considerd; that I had been putt in arrest ye Night before; & having sent for some of ye Officers; they Desired me to pospone writing till ye Majors Anger was abated;

About Three Days after I wrote him with ye Assistance of some of my Friends here, as genteel a Letter; as they thought possibly I coud; & Offerd to make any Opology; he woud allow me; but it was to no Effect; & Genl Amherst was acquainted of it; & ye Boat sett of, before I knew; I wish I had known it that I might have wrote to some of my Acquaintance there; in order to speak to ye General for me.

(September 7, 1760)

I dont doubt, but That; I was very much in ye wrong, by what, my Gentlemen has told me since; & I know my Temper so well that, when I am vexed & in Liquor I am vastly Rash.

I have been in arrest from ye 15th Aug^{t} & Close confind to my room; till within these 5 Days past I have ye liberty of ye Fort for Two Hours in ye Day & that liberty was got me with great difficulty; as ye Doctor was obliged to represent that it was bad for my Health to be so close confind; & Mr Ridge was oblige to begg very hard before he coud get it done for me. As I know that if I am tryed by a Court Martial I shall be Casshierd for that Behaviour; & I know ye Major, instead of favouring ye thing has represented it, in ye worst manner he coud; I shoud be infinitely obliged to you if you woud use your Endeavours for me to get Liberty to dispose of my Commission; for as much as they now sell for; as that woud be a way to get me to my Friends; who woud assist me; & I might possibly make a living some other way; tho nothing can grieve me more than to think of leaving ye Army.

I shoud be very glad to hear from you by ye first Opportunity; & your Complying with my request will still be laying me under ye greatest Obligations to you & am with respect

Dr Colonel

Y^{r} most obliged & most Obed^{t} H^{ble} Servt.

Wm HAYE

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from En^{sn} Wm Hay Sepr 7th 1760

(September 8, 1760)

JOHN CALCRAFT TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER AT PITTSBURGH

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 200, A. L. S.]

[Channel Row, Sept. 8, 1760.]

Sir,

Inclosed I have the honour to send, for Your information, a Copy of the Secretary at War's Letter to me of the 29th August,

(September 8, 1760)

& must beg you will enable me to comply with the orders therein contained as soon as Possible, as also that you will transmit me from time to time the proper Certificates for issuing the Chaplain's Pay, I am

Sir,
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

J CALCRAFT

Channel Row 8th September 1760

Officer Comg the 1st Battn of the Rl Americans

[Endorsed] Mr Calcrafft 8th September 1760

[Addressed] To The Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion of the Royal Americans at Pitsburgh

(September 8, 1760)

MAJOR WILLIAM WALTERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 202, A. L. S.]

Niagara September 8th 1760.

Dear Colonel

I am to acknowledge the favour of Your Letter dated 1st Instant which I recd the 6th with a List of meterial wanted to build a sloop &c.

I wish I had it in my power to supply you with Every Article. I have sent Returns frequently of all the stores we have in this Garrison both to Genl Amherst and to Genl Monckton and Likewise

(September 8, 1760)

Sent to you every article that could be spar'd from hence, the Sloop that was built here sailed from hence the 14th August whome I Expected would returned Imediatly with provision, but I am Disappointed for Genl Amherst has taken her with him I Expect she will soon be sent here with provisions as we are almost out.

the 2d Instant I Received Eighty four Barrells flour in Six Battoaus from Oswego sixty of which I send you by this opportunity which is as much as we can spare untill we get a fresh supply.

As to pressing the Traders Battoaus Colonel Eyre took from them all that he could get to Carry the 44th Regmt from hence and most of the Traders is gon from hence During the winter, for we shall not have above three or four of them that will stay at this place all the winter for the most of their Trade is in the spring of the year.

I shall take the first opportunity to acquaint Genl Amherst with Your request as to the materials You want, I am now to Acquaint You with the behaviour of Ensign Wm Hay on the 15th of august a Little after sun setting He came into my Room Drunk in a very Mutinous Insulting Manner telling me I had don him great Injustice swaring he would not be Humbuged but would have satisfaction. upon which I ordered him to go out of my room. He told me that he would not go but told me to go into my Inner Room for he Insisted upon having satisfaction Immediatly upon which I called for Lieut Ridge who acts as Adjutant and gave him orders to take him to his room and put him in arrest the next morning being well Informed that he had broke his arrest and that he had been Endeavouring to borrow a case of Pistols a Little before that he came to me Likewise that he had a case of Pistols in his pocket when he Entered my Room Which Pistols he had been seen Loading that Evening. I ordered a court of Enquiry on his Conduct a copy of which I Inclose.

the next day I asked him what was the reason of his bringing Pistols with him when he came to me last night his answer was that it was the Effects of Liquor and that they was not designed for me I continue him in arrest and have posted a Centrie on him.

I am Dear Colonel

Your most obedient Humble Servant

Wm WALTERS

Colonel Bouquet .

(September 8, 1760)

P: S I have sent by this opportunity Letters and Returns for Genl Monckton which please to forward.

[Endorsed] Letter from Major Walters Septr 8th 1760
Receiv'd the 14th d^{o} answered the 22^{d} d^{o}

(September 8, 1760)

ENSIGN J. GEORGE SCHLOSSER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 204, A. L. S.]

[Niagara, Sept. 8, 1760.]

Mon Colonel!

je profite du Retour de M^{r} le Capt Lydle pour vous envoier un Plan de Niagara, le temp ne ma pas permit de la faire avec les environs puisque il aitoit trop pressé pour S'en aller, et que d'ailleur il n'y a pas d'autre papier ici que de L'ordinaire et cela en petite Quantité. Je Suis après à lever Sur le terrain ne poïvant en avoir un Achevé de l'Ingenieur Mon Père Vous assure de ses Respects ainsi je fais, ayant l'honneur d'être tres respectueusement

De Mon Colonel!
Le très humble et très Obeissant Serviteur

J: Ge: SCHLOSSER

Ens^{n} 1st R: A: R:

Niagara Sep^{tr} 8th 1760

[Endorsed] Ens^{n} Shlosser Septr 8th 1760

[Addressed] On his Majesty's Service To Henry Bouquet Esqr Colonel of the 1st Batt: Royal: A: R: at Presqu'isle

(September 8, 1760)

[TRANSLATION]

[Niagara, Sept. 8, 1760.]

My Colonel

I am taking advantage of the return of Capt. Lytle to send you a plan of Niagara. Time did not permit me to include the environs as he was in too great a hurry to get away and besides there was no paper here other than the ordinary kind and this in small quantity. I am attempting to survey the land, not being able to have one completed by the engineer. My father assures you of his respects as I do, having the honor to be very respectfully,

My colonel's
Most humble and most obedient servant,

J. G^e SCHLOSSER
Ensign 1st R. A. R.

Niagara Sept. 8, 1760.

(September 15, 1760)

MAJOR WILLIAM WALTERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 206, A. L. S.]

Niagara 15th September 1760

Dear Colonel

I am to acknowledge the favours of Yours dated 10th Instant which I rec^d the 14th with Dispatches for General Amherst which I shall forward by the first opportunity, I wrote to You the 8th Ins^t which I hope You will receive before this reaches You, by which

Colonel Bouquet.

(September 15, 1760)

you will see by the account I sent you that I have sent all the flour I could Possible spare untill I get a fresh supply which I hope will be very soon, as I am almost out. I am in great Expectation of seeing the sloop here soon from the Army, by whome I hope we shall have good news from our friends to the northward.

as to Lodging provisions at our post at the Landing there is no sort of covering there, there is only a few stockads put up in order to secure a small party to take care of the boats at the time that Major Gladwins boats was there, If a party is to continew all the winter at that place it must be pull^d down and built a new with a Block house in it for the men could not Live there in the Winter as they have no sort of house in it.

when we get a supply of provision shall Endavour to send it to the Landing as fast as possible

I am sorry to hear that You have Lost more men the Corp^l and private man is arrived.

I could give but very Little assistance to your ship carpenters as General Amherst order'd Lieu^t Robertson who commands the sloop that was built here to bring with him to oswego all the Sailors carpenters stores of all kinds &^c

I wrote to General Amherst the 11th Instant Acquainting him with your request as to material You want for Building Vessell for Transporting provision to Presqu Isle.

We have no Artificers in this Garrison but what is furnished out of the four companys which is but very few therefore I cannot give much assistance to any workmen that You may send here

the works of the fort is greatly out of repair which obliges me to Imploy all the men off duty Every day on that service.

I am affraid that a sloop would not Answer on Lake Ery as their is not Harbours for her to go into nor could She come near our Landing as there is very shalo water for a Long way out and Ruff ground nor could a vessell be built at the Landing for want of Depth of water therefore I should Imagine Large strong shalloop or Battoaus would be best for that service.

Major Smallman and the other officers that has been here can Inform You as to the navigation of the Lake and as to the situation of the post at the Landing

(September 15, 1760)

Lieu^{t} Ridge has try^{d} amongst all the Traders for thread & needles but could not get any.

I am Dear S^{ir}

Your most obedient Humble Servant

Wm WALTERS

Inclosed is Dispatches for Genl Monckton which please to forward

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Walters to Colonel Bouquet 15th Septr 1760 Answered the 30th d^{o}

(September 15, 1760)

CAPT. JOHN SCHLOSSER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 208, A. L. S.]

Niagara le 15 7bre 1760.

Mon Colonel!

Ayant reçû reponse du Capt: Barnsley, sur ma lettre dans laquelle je lui ai envoyé le de compte des Debouzers que j'ai fait a Lancaster et Carlisle pour le Regiment, & ne m'ayant fait aucune bonification Sous pretexte qu'il ne pouvoit rien faire avant vôtre Retour à Fort Pitt sur le Sujet des fourreaux des Bayonettes & Reparations d'armes, je vous prie Monsieur, qu'en lui écrivant Vous voulussiez lui ordonner de me rembourser cet argent, que Vous saves je n'ai payé qu'en consequence de Vos ordres & cela de mon propre argent n'en ayant point du Reg^{t}: ces deux articles ensemble font 76 Livres 11 Sch: & 7 Sous que vous consevés aisement font un item pour moi dans les Circonstances ou je Suis, Surtout ne pouvant rien avoir de ce que j'ai a Fort Pitt, Mr Bentinck m'ecrit qu'il est impossible qu'on puisse me l'envoyer, & Surement c'est à ses soins que je dois, que peut etre le tout n'est pas perdû.

(September 15, 1760)

Nous n'avons rien de nouveau ici, nous attendons minutamment du retour du Fort Ontario un Sergent que le Major y a envoyé, et nous pensons, que par lui nous puissions aprendre quelque chose de l'Armée.

Permettez de joindre ici mes très humble Complimens au Colonel Mercer, & de me dire avec Respect

De Mon Colonel
Le très humble & très obeissant Serviteur

J: SCHLOSSER:

P: S: Je prie Mr Basset en lui faisant bien des Compliments, de m'envoyer à la premiere occasion ma Bousole n'ayant rien ici de cette Espece.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt. Shlosser
15th September 1760 answered 30th

[TRANSLATION]

Niagara, Sept. 15, 1760.

My Colonel,

Having received from Captain Barnsley a reply to my letter in which I sent him the record of the disbursements I made at Lancaster and Carlisle for the regiment, and since he made me no allowance under the pretext that he could do nothing before your return to Fort Pitt, on the subject of the scabbards, the bayonets and repairing of arms, I beg you, Sir, that in writing to him you will please order him to reimburse me with that money, which you know I paid according to your orders with my own money, not having any from the Regiment. These two articles together make 76 livres, 11 shillings and 7 sous which you readily understand make an item for me in my circumstances, especially since I am unable to get what I have at Fort Pitt. Mr. Bentinck writes me that it is impossible for them to send me any and surely it is owing to his care that perhaps everything is not lost.

(September 15, 1760)

We have nothing new here. We expect any moment, from Fort Ontario, the return of a Sergeant that the Major sent here, and we think that through him we may be able to learn something concerning the Army.

Permit me to add here my very humble compliments to Colonel Mercer, and to call myself with respect,

My Colonel's
Most humble and most obedient servant,

J. SCHLOSSER

P. S. I beg Mr. Basset, while giving him my best regards, to send me on the first occasion my compass, having nothing here of this kind.

(September 17, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRI BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 209, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango Sept.r 17.th 1760

Sir

I was favoured with yours of the 2.d Inst. by Capt. McNeill whose Party arrivd safe but no less than Ten Horses gave out & were left on the Road & the rest are in general in such wretched order that I cannot guess at the time they will be in a Condition to return Loaded. I fear they will not be able to make above another Trip this Season. Whenever the Batteaux arrives with more Flower I will send up the best of them; I am under the greatest concern for Mr. Duplessis's safety, he set out from hence on the 2.d Inst. in order to Reconoitre French Creek & has not been heard of since he left a Little Town about 28 Miles from hence which is 12 Days ago; I Dread he is fallen into the Enemys hands, may I beg the favour of you to cause all possible enquiry to be made amongst the Indians for him. I have sent in quest of him but have only a very faint

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hope of ever seeing him. y^c loss of so riseing a Genious will be a great one to the Service & an immense one to us where his absence is very sensibly felt; we have reason to believe that a few of the Enemys Savages are about us. I will be much obliged by your communicating what Intelligence you may receive of the Enemys Numbers & Motions at least so far as this post and our Convoy's may probably be interested in it. As Capt Miles of the Pensylvanians was desirous to join you & as we have 3 other Cap^ts here I have given leave to go with Mr. Hutchinges Party of Indians which I hope youll approve off. In case Mr Duplesis is gone to Presquelle I beg youll be so good as to hurry him down he is excessively missd here. I am with great Deference

Sir
Your most Obed^t hble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

P S. my paper having got wet & not being able as yet to get a supply obliges me much contrary to my Inclination to write you on this Infamous stuff which I beg youll forgive

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart 17th Novr 1760

(September 24, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 213, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango Septr 24th 1760

Sir

I had the pleasure to receive your favour of the 16th Ins^t by your express for the General, the express proceeded for Pittsburgh without being detaind here, the Batteaux arrivd the night before last & I herewith send 28 Horses Loaded with Flower 2 Swivil Guns Shot & Stores &C^a as p^r Invoice of particulars Inclos'd; I

(September 24, 1760)

would have sent another Supply of Powder but as it threatens much rain and as Im informd you have lately receivd a considerable quantity from Niagara I thought deferring it till next Convoy would be more eligable.

Capt McKenzie sends Mr Bassett a return of what Stores remains here and I suppose he will inform us of what You would choose should be first sent. The Men I sent in quest of Mr Duplessis are return'd without being able to learn anything satisfactory of him, I dread he is fallen a Sacrifice to his obstinancy I sincerely regret his unhappy Fate.

I have been oblig'd to send a Party and some Sick with the Batteaux wch & the Parties that last went & is now going up to you so much deminish our little Strength as to obstruct the carrying on some very essential parts of the Works which by many unforeseen incidents have been vastly retarded I therefore hope you will be so good as to order the Virginians to make all possible haste down

I am with great respect
Sir
Your most Obedt and most Hble Servant

ROBERT STEWART

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Stewart 24th Sept 1760

(September 29, 1760)

MAJOR THOMAS SHALLMAN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 215, A. L. S.]

Labeuf 29th Sept 1760.

Sir,

I have kept here One Months Provision of Flour it amounts to Sixteen Hundred wt its greatly Dammaged by Rain and unless a Granry be made it will all spoil. Capt Atlee has brought no Cattle,

(September 29, 1760)

nor meat of any kind along with Him we have but for to morrow of Pork. Cap.t Anderson Stayed but One Day here, as we had nothing for ~~him~~ to employ his Men Indian Johny informs me theres a large Pile of Saw'd Plank the French had for Battoes, lying in Woods I am Just going with him to see it and of which I purpose making a place for Our Flour. We shall have a Cannoe finish'd some time today I intend going round the Lake as the Indians tell me there is Several things of Consequence hid there. we have Collected all the Iron we could get about the Fort And shall this Week have all the Loggs Hall'd home for the House.

I am Sir
Your Most Obed.t Humble Serv.t

THO.s SMALLMAN

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Smallman
29.th September 1760

[Addressed] To Col: Henry Bouquet Commanding at Presqu Isle

(September 29, 1760)

MAJOR THOMAS SMALLMAN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 217. A. L. S.]

Labeuf 29.th September 1760.

Sir,

Two Miles up this Creek M.r Houssegar And I Discovered Twenty Seven New Battoes they were set fire to by the French but notwithstanding a Good many can be very soon fitted up for immediate Use

There is likewise Several Thousand Foot of Saw'd Plank not Dammaged of 2 Inch, & Downwards, And a Good Quantity of Nails. There Tools I am apt to think lies Buried some where there abouts

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Its a very Incredious place for makin Battoes and as for Timber there is scarce any to Equal it.

If Honse, or Desires I would acquaint you that ever thing is in readiness for the House.

I am Sir,
Your most Obedt Humble Servt

WMo: CALLIEN

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Callien
29th Sept: 1760

[Addressed] On His Majesties Service To Colonel Bouquet Commanding
at Presqu Isle

(October 1, 1760)

MAJOR WILLIAM WALTERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., add. MSS. 21645, f. 220, F. L. C.]

Niagara 1st October 1760

Dear Colonel

I am to acquaint You that the Williamson Brig arrived here yesterday which brought with her four Hundred & twenty Barrells flour one Hundred and forty Barrell pork and ten Barrell Rice. So shall be able to Let you have as much provisions as you will want, I shall be in to send flour down to the Landing and to give you all the assistance in my power, by the first fair wind sall send the Brig back for more provisions at the same time shall send Your List of materials that you want for Vessall & boats to the commanding officer at oswego to send what can be spared. I asked the Capt of the Brig if there was any stores of that kind at oswego who told me he beleved not, at the same time I shall send for Six Battoes & two whale boats If they Can be Spared, as they are wanted here

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very much Enclosed is Dispatches for General Monckton with three Letters for your Self. I hope my Letters to you the 15th September came Safe, Enclosed is a monthly return of our four Companys at this post Likewise a Copy of an account that Capt. Cochrane Recd yesterday of the Surrender of Montreal of which I give you joy

I am Dear Colonel
Your most obedient Humble Servant

Wm WALTERS

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Walters 1st October received the 8th by Major Rogers answered the 9th in sending all our Battoes.

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LIEUT. GEORGE McDOUGALL TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 222A, A. L. S.]

Niagara 5th October 1760.

Dear Sir

I had the Pleasure of receiving yours Last Night, and deliverd your Letter to Mr William Hay who was very glad to hear from you.

As to what you mention of the Beaver Blankets I shall observe and you may depend that if any Good ones comes here soon they shall be forwarded to you.

I made mention to Captns Cochran & Etherington who was the only persons that had such a thing here but as they took no Notice & I would not press them to send them to you.

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Your Acc.t Which you desired me to send you is so triffling that I begg you wont think of it till I have the Pleasure of seeing you, the Powder I got from the Kings store as there was not so good to be had here.

Mr Deadler has sent you 12 Pains of glass which I hope will come safe

I am
Dear Sir
Your Most Obleg'd and most Humble Servant

GEORGE McDOUGALL

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut McDougall
5th October 1760

(October 8, 1760)

MAJOR WILLIAM WALTERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 223, A. L. S.]

Niagara 8th october 1760

Dear Colonel

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 30th September which I recd 4th october by a Serjts Party of Provitials, after I had Dispatchd Your Letters with a Packet for Genl Monckton by Major Rogers with the good news of the Reduction of all canada of which I once more give You Joy.

I keep the Serjt and party to assist in geting your provisions over the Landing, which is very troblesome and attended with great Labour. I have had Several of our men Lamed in geting the

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casks up a very steep Precipice at the first Landing place after that there is a very steep hill and some very bad road before it arrive at Little Niagara, but I hope to have Enough to Load your boats before their Arrival.

I have press^d all the Traders Battoes and have sent in them by Major Rogers' party fifty Barrell flour & thirty Barrell pork with three Barrell gun powder & Six Hundred wait of Ball as I Imagin'd you might be in want of those Articles.

Enclosed I have sent the Return of the officers names who have Purchas^d their present or former Commissions. I have acquainted the captains with the copy of General Amherst's Letter concerning the Recruiting fund Enclosed is their Request in writing who begs you will Lay it before Genl Amherst. I am sorry that Ensign Duplesses, is ~~is~~ missing, should he be carried to Detroit I dare say he will be very well used. I talke'd to Mr Gamnalen on that head whome you will see by this conveyance he is a very worthy man & was greatly Rejoyc^d when I told him he now was a British subject.

as to Ensign Hay I have Reported him to Genl Amherst and to Genl Monckton His Behaviour was so very Extraordinary their is no accounting for it he Endavour'd to borrow Pistols from several officers the afternoon before he Enter^d my room at Last he got a case of pockett Pistols from the Ordinance Store keeper & Loaded them, which I was not acquainted with untill the next Morning. His behavour to me was so bad when he Entered my Room I scarce could forbear punishing him my Self. it is more Extraordinary as I had not the Least acquaintance with him all I can hear that Disturbed him was that I had appointed Ensign Jehu Hay to assist the Engineer the officers that knows him say that he is mad when Drunk there is no other way accounting for his Behaviour.

as to the badness of the flour we have not any but what has Received Damage as it is to be brought a Long way in Battoes Exposed to the weather, I always give particular orders to the store keeper to pick out the best casks for your post, which is all can be don as we have not proper coopers or convenlentcys for shifting it I shall Order Lieu^t Ridge who acts as Adjutant to keep an account of all Variations of the four Companys.

The Captains Desires me to mention in my Letter to you that they think it would be proper for you to acquaint the commanding officers of the other Battalions with the steps taken by

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this Battalion : Desire their Concurrence as also that you would be pleased to send a copy of the Enclosed to General Amherst by the first opportunity if you approve of it, after you have acquainted the Captains at Pittsburg and had their concurrence.

I am Dear Colonel
Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servant

Ad WALTERS

I beg my Complements to Col Mercer & the Gentlemen with you

Colonel Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Walters 8.th oct.r 1760

(October 10, 1760)

ENSIGN WILLIAM HAYE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 225, A. L. S.]

Niagara 10.th October 1760.

D.r Colonel

I rec.d your agreeable favour per last Express & am much obliged to you for y.e friendship you profess to me; & likewise am obliged to you for what you promised to write Major Walters about what I desird you to do for me, & am very Sorry it was out

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of your Power; to do it as it might been of great Service to me your writing in my behalf to get it done; I am Sorry for what has happend; but as I see now no help for it; & it cant be avoided I must make ye best of it;

I am with ye greatest Submission

Dr Colonel
Your most Obed^t & obliged Humble Servt

Wm HAYE

[Endorsed] Ens^n Wm Hay 10th October 1760

(October 11, 1760)

JOHN CALCRAFT TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 227, A. L. S.]

[Channel Row, Oct. 11, 1760.]

Sir,

I am Honoured with Yours of the 24th June: what Capt Barnesley says about His Accounts is very true, he has been very Punctual & Regular in making out, & sending, his Distributions from time to time: the Irregularities Complained of happen'd before his time, & whilst there was only one Paymaster to the four Battalions, you & the rest of the Gentlemen may Assure yourselves; that as soon as I can get the Proper Materials from America no Endeavors of mine shall be wanting to get the Accounts so Settled that you may have

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your Arrears, which I Wish may be soon & than which nothing can give greater Satisfaction to,

Sir,
Your Most Obed.t & Most Hble Serv.t

JNO CALDWELL

Channel Row 11 Octo.r 1760

Col Bouquet. Pittsburgh

N.d

[Endorsed] Letter from Mr Caldwell 11.th Oct.r 1760

[Addressed] To Lieut. Colonel Bouquet at Pittsburgh N.o America

(October 12, 1760)

MAJOR WILLIAM WALTERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 229, A. L. S.]

Niagara 12.th October 1760

Dear Colonel

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter by Cap.t Clapham which I Rec.d yesterday by whome I send one Hundred & twenty Barrell flour Seventy seven Barrells Pork and three of Butter, I sent by Major Rogers' Rangers fifty Barrell flour thirty Barrell pork & three Barrell Gun powder with Six Hundred w.t Ball which I hope will come safe. I shall do all in my power to get more provisions up to the Landing for another trip altho our Horses and men are greatly fatigued, please to order the party that you send here

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to lend all the assistance they can in getin, the provisions over the carrying places.

I am Dear Colonel
Your most obedient Humble Servant

Wm WALTERS

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed] Letter from Major Walters 12th October 1760 received by Capt Clapham the 8th Jany 1761.

(October 14, 1760)

ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 231, A. L. S.]

fort pit 14 octb^r 1760

D^r S^r

I hauef ad only ye plesher of one letter from you Dated at perceal [Presque Isle]. I Ritt you In agust Last Dated at this pleas. I hauef som Resen to think you hauef not Resefed It. I wold Be glad to Now when you think of Comming Down to ye Inhabents as there is som Dsputs likely to ariez Be [gnst] ye leat Contratters and me as they now Demand som Reset for prchings wich Remened In store ye first of Jun 1759 wich Resets I sent you when you setled ye act of Wstegh [Wastage?] one ye Drifer of Beef Cattil Howll also charges me with all ye hids wich now lies Rotten aufer ye Refer.

In short I can not halp sayen that theer presedens to me was not lik whet I wold Expct from honest Man Eufery thing goos one very will this year ~~We~~ I hauef about 1000 Boleks ~~han~~ one hand we send of 30 tomorrow for your post I cold wish you a larger

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quite[illegible] haue onought to spear I will set out In 3 or 4 Days for Carlisl where I hop to hauef y^o plesher of seeneg you In a short tim

I am D^r S^ir
Your obedent Humb Servent

A. HOOPS

[Indorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr A. Hoops 14th Oct^o 1760; answered the 29th d^o

(October 17, 1760)

LIEUT. WILLIAM POTTS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 232, A. L. S.]

Fort Pitt 17th Octr 1760

Dear Colonel

In Consiquence of the Orders General Monckton Receiv'd yesterday from General Amherst p Major Rodgers This Morning He orderd one Company R^l A^m R^t Compleated to one hundred Private w^t one Capt three Sub^ts four Serj^ts four Corp^ls and 2 Drum^rs to March to Morrow Morning: And Doct^r Antony to March w^t the said Party. The General calls It a Duty of Honour therefor it came to Capt Barnsleys Tour to March as the Grand^r Company was excepted in the Genl Orders, But as the Genl said all paymasters of the Batt^ns woud be orderd to New York this Winter to Settle w^t Col^l Young, It was therefor agreed that Capt Campbell should march in the Place of Capt Barnsley, and take his own Company w^t Him which is Compleated to one hun^d Private by thirteen Men from Each of the other four Companys. As Lieu^t Meyer Is in Capt Campbells Company, Ens^n McDonald Marches Voluntar'ly in his Place. Dr Sir In the Last Monthly Returns from the Company's at Niagara there was many Mistakes, oweing I immagine to the Great hurry in which they were Oblig'd to

(October 17, 1760)

March from here But I have shewn the Brigade Major the Mistakes; and have also writt to Lt. Ridge and told him how to rectify them And to Transmitt true Copys the first Opportunity. We very shortly expect the Pleasure of seeing You at Ft. Pitt The Genl. having sent down his Baggage, and immediately On your Arrival we understand is to March himself.

I am Dear Colonel with great Esteem
your most Obedt. Hble Servt.

Wm. POTTS

P. S. I Suppose Sir you will think it highly requiset to have either our own Sergeon, or Mate, here in the Winter As the Dayly Report of our Sick is Generaly 26, 28, or 30.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut.t Potts 17th october 1760

(October 17, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 233, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango October 17th 1760.

Sir

Yesterday I was favourd with yours of the 13th & agreeable thereto herewith send a Convoy of 19 Horses with all the things that remain'd here for the upper Posts (except the Barr Iron which cannot be carried on Horses) and some Flower, the Particulars of which you have Inclos'd an Acct. off, Escorted by 1 Sub 1 Serjt. and

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24 Rank & File, which and our Guards, 12 Sick & Officers Servants leaves us very few to work, I have therefore beg'd the favour of Maj^r Smallman if he can do it to allow the officer & 10 Men to return from Le Boeuf with what Boards they can float down, & to forward the Convoy with the Remainder of the Escort reinforced by any Number he may from Circumstances Judge Necessary

I am extreemly sorry that the wretched condition in which the Pack Horses returnd renderd it impossible to send them off sooner nor am I yet without apprehentions for their performance tho I have sent only 19 of the best of them & each with a 3^d less load than usual

As the great disappointment from our Saw Mill causes a vast dificiency of Boards and Plank you cannot more Effectually assist us here than by ordering down all the Plank that can be Spared from above as well as what Sawyers & whip Saws are not wanted at your Posts. There are Several of our Carpenters Sick, and I am now convinced that none of them understand their Business: we are likewise in great want of Spades and Shovels 10 or 12 of each would be of great Service in geting our Retrenchment finished.

We have had no Sheep for upwards of a Month, nor have we at Present any kind of Meat except 7 Bullocks else would most chearfully have sent up some

Major Rogers left this the 13th and I doubt not but is here now safe at Pittsburgh, from which place I have not heard since the 2^d

I am with great Respect

Sir
Your most Obed^t & Most Hble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Stewart
17th October 1760

(October 19, 1760)

CAPT. JAMES BREWER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 235, A. L. S.]

[October 19, 1760.]

S^r/

The 10:^th Instant I left The landing at little Niagara, with the Detachment Maj^r Roggers Left me but through ~~of~~ A [Sceene,] of contrarry winds have not been able to proceed, Neaver putting out, but have Stove one or more boats & have mended them again, till yesterday when after haveing put out, the wind Rise in Such a manner with Great Difficulty we Reach'd the Shore, but Stove two Boats, ~~in shuch a manner~~ so Bad that I cant proceed without a Re-inforcement of two Battoes Some Nails, Pitch, & Oacum.

I ~~have~~ send L^t= Butler With this, who will Acquaint you in a more particular manner of our circumstances, and hope he will join Maj^r Roggers with you

I am
S^r.
You^r. Most ~~Hbl~~ Obe^t. Servt.

JAM^S BREWER

Camp 4 Miles west^d. ~~This side~~ of Fish Creek Octr. 19th 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt. Brewer 19th october 1760

[Addressed] To The Commanding officer at Pris Kile

(October 19, 1760)

ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 237, L. S.]

Fort Pitt the 19th Octr 1760

Sir.

The Bearer Mr John Ormsby seeing a good Prospect of Mending his Fortune by Trading to Detroit, has requested leave of me to withdraw from my Business which (from his long and Faithfull Service) I could not denie him, and he has got the Generals permission to Proceed in that Trade as far as Presqueisle 'till farther Orders.

I'm therefore to request you'll countenance him as much as the Nature of his Majesty's Service will admit & do hope (from what you have seen of his Behaviour) you'll judge him to be as proper a Person to be Advanced in that Trade as any other that has Liberty to go

Your Compliance in this shall be acknowledged among many other favours & greatly oblige me.

It gives me pleasure to hear you are to come here immediately. I am Sir

Your most Obedient Humb: Servt.

A: HOOPS

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Hoop's Recommandation in favour of Mr Ormsby 19th October 1760

(October 21, 1760)

LIEUT. JOHN WILSON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 238, A. L. S.]

London October, 21.st 1760.

Sir.

I have by this Opportunity, Done Myself, the Honour, of Writing to His Excellency Generall Amherst, Acquainting him, with the Reasons, that has Kept me & still Keeps me [In Eng]land, which I now take the Liberty of [Inform]ing you, & Likewise Venture to Assure you that if Nothing falls out, for me, in this Part, of the World, According to the Promises I Have Receiv'd, that, I Shall Certainly join my Reg.t in the Spring of the Year:

I have Acquainted, Generall Stanwix here, with the Same thing, which he is Satisfied with. My Best Wishes attend the Gentlemen of the Battalion, & I Have the Honour, to be with Great Respect

Sir.
Y: most Obed.t & Oblig.d Humb.l Serv.t

JOHN WILSON

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut Wilson 21st Oct. 1760

[Addressed] On his Majesty's Service To the Commanding Officer of the 1.st Battalion of the Royall American Reg.t To the Care of the Postm.r Philadelphia In America.

(October 23, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 240, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango October 23d 1760

Sir

I herewith send 32 Pullocks for the upper Posts on the 17th Inst. a Convoy of 19 Horses with Flower and all the Stores that was here (except the Barr Iron which will be sent to Le Beeuf by Water) set out from hence Escorted by 1 Sub 1 Serjt 1 Drum & 24 Rank & File Major Rogers tells me I'm likewise to send an Escort with some Ship Carpenters expected here to morrow on their way to Presqu Isle all these Parties greatly obstructs the works here which by various means have been vastly retarded & will make it very late before they can be finishd tho the rigurous Season is already set in, but as I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon at this place you will see how much more we had to do than could well been apprehended, we are in great want of Sawyers I beg leave to refer you to the Bearer Major Rogers for the occurances at Pittsburgh & am with great deference

Sir
Your most Obedt & Most hble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

NB as I shall have a constant Succession of Escorts to furnish & as I immagine there is now little Danger I will be much obligd by Your leting me know how few Men I may send with each Convoy.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Stewart 23d October 1760

(October 31, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 242, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango Octr. 31 1760

Sir

I herewith send for your Post 61 Horses loaded with Flower, Amunition & Stores Escorted by 1 Sub. 1 Serjt. 1 Drum & 20 Rank & File 2 Gunners & 11 Indians, Inclosd you have a list of Particulars. The Batteauxs arrivd last night with Flower & Amunition after a passage of 13 Days & brought not a Nail, Hinge or anything for the Block House tho' our Shingles Laths &Cc. is ready, so that we must soon stand fast, I sent an Express off at 2 OClock this Morning for these necessarys, the want of which greatly distress us. The Party that floated down the Boards met with great Difficulties 3 of the Pensylvanians were drown'd 10 lost their Arms & Blankets and the whole their Tents & Amunition they brought your boat down with them. I sent her back with one Serjt. with 5 good Men 18 Barrs of Iron 23 Axes & an Anvil for Presque Isle I have not a word of News, pray excuse the badness and scarcity of Paper I am with great Respect

Sir
Your most Obedt. & Most Hble Servt.

ROBERT STEWART

Memor. [In Col. Bouquet's handwriting]
Desire Mr. Gist to back down with him from Le Boeuf the Serjeant & 5 or leave orders for them to go back by land

Take also three days flour there & no meat and not suffer any of his men to ride the Horses as they must come up again

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart 31st. Octr. Received and answd. the 6th November 1760

[Addressed] On His Majestys Service to Colo. Henry Bouquet Commanding His Majestys Troops at PresquIsle.

(November 2, 1760)

CAPT. DONALD CAMPBELL TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 249, A. L. S.]

[Detroit, Nov. 2, 1760.]

Sir

Major Rogers and his Detachment came safe to this Place the 29th of Novem.br We had only the the misfortune to loose a man of my Company that fell overboard by some Accident, and some Batteaux drove ashore, and some Boxes of Cartridges damged. There is noe dependance on the lake at this Season of the year, it is at least a hundred Leagues from this to Presq'isle but People here Say it is still a better Navigation than the North Coast;

Two days after we left you, we were joined by Some of the principal People of ye Tawa Nation, who came to make peace with you at presquisle, who returned with us, and then by the Miandots, whom we we were oblidged to humour and give them Provisions as we did not know what Reception we were to have at this Place. they were highly pleased with what we told them; but all this added to the Consumption of our Provisions you know how little we could Spare, but we could not help it and some of its not fit to be made use of.

Belestre would give noe Credit to the Report of our coming as Friends, but when I brought him the Marquis Vaudreuils Letter, he did every ~~that~~ Thing with a good grace, I am certain when you see him you will Not be too much prejudiced against him besides he is now your Prisoner.

Your Project of sending the Cattel by land has turned very well, they have been of great use to us. Mr Navarre will continue to act in his old Employment till he puts in the way of it, he thinks the Inhabitants can supply our Detachment with Flour till Next Spring or very Near that time, but how we shall be supplyed with meat, will be the Difficulty. we are still in hopes of 5 Boats from Niagara there is noe dependance on the Lake, they expect it to be Frooze every hour. I beleive we could get some People to goe from this, I noe not how far it would answer, there ~~Mus~~ horses must be wore out before they got there and could not return with a Load. I shall be better Judge of ~~it~~ what we want when Capt Crochan returns, you could gett Indians to undertake it from Pittsburgh.

(November 2, 1760)

We found the Kings Stores here all most empty Some Barrels of Powder and not much of any Thing else, I have not got a Return of it as yet, as Major Rogers took all that on himself he is to give me over every Thing that belongs to the Fort to morrow.

Major Rogers is preparing to send to the Posts to bring off the People, he cannot possibly send any of us As the season is too far advanced and a want of Provisions, every body here says he will find great Difficulty to goe himself to Mackilemakinac even with a Small Detachment they doubt even if its possible to be done

We are to have a Treaty with Indians the day after to morrow. I shall a good of Difficulty to Manadge them for the first time they are soe much accustomed to come to the french Commidant for every Thing they want.

They Inhabitants seem very happy at the Change of Government, but they are in great want of every Thing, it has been a very florishing place before the War, plenty of every Thing;

The Fort is much better than we expected it is one the best Stockades I have Seen but the Commandants houses and what belongs to King in bad repair, we got our People quartered in the Fort for the first time this night; I shall be able to write more fully about every Thing in a few days I shall be glad to hear from you how soon it is possible

I am with the greatest Respect
your most obedient humble Servant

DONALD CAMPBELL

Detroit Nov^{br} 2^{d} 1760

No Accounts of poor Duplessis Mr Belletre wil[l] Satisfy you that they nothing of it at Detroit.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Capt Cambell dated Detroit 2^{d} Dec^{r}* Received the 24th d^{o} 1760

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* This date in the endorsement is according to the photostat.

(November 4, 1760)

A. HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 251, L. S.]

Carlisle the 4th: of Nov.r 1760.

D.r Sir

I hope this will meet you at Fort Pitt. I Writ you a few Lines from thence when last there but had not the pleasure of hearing from y.u since.

I have desired M.r Hamilton to apply to you for the necssary Assist.ts that he may want for Slaughtering & Salting the Winter Beef, w.ch I hope you'll think proper to Order, to Expedite that Business as the Cattle will fall away very fast in the Approaching Season. As the Hoggs cannot be drove to Presqueisle this Winter I suppose you will send there the Greater Number of Bullocks the General having told me that you will Order the Necessary Supply of Provisions for the out Posts. The sooner they are sent away the better.

I send the Bearer M.r Rob.t Cummins to Order up such Cattle as may be on the Road at Pasture & to help to gather in such as may be lost about the Garrisons.

I wish we had some proper House at Fort Pitt for the Hides as the Tanning can't be carry'd on 'till Spring.

I will send up about 500 Hoggs in five or Six Weeks. May I Expect the pleasure of Seeing you this Winter?

I am Dear Sir
Your Most Obed.t Hum: Serv.t

A HOOPS

P. S. There was a quantity of Flour remained in the Grannerys which was Damaged by the Greeness of the Wood; therefore unfit for use, but on Application to the General when I was up he said there shou'd be a Survey made & that it shou'd not be the Contractors loss. As 'twas not done before he left F Pitt hope you'll give proper Orders about it.

(November 4, 1760)

The Bullock-Drivers can't Subsist without a little Forage for their Horses which I hope you'll be pleas'd to let them have

[In handwriting of Adam Hoops] I will Set out for phild^{a} in a day or 2 I hauef In Closed you a leter from ~~phild^{a}~~ plumpsted for your prusel

as Befor

A. H

Col.^{l} Bouquet

[Endorsed] Mr Hoops. 4.th Novr 1760 answered 26.th d.^{o}

(November 5, 1760)

ALEXANDER LUMAN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 252, A. L. S.]

Philad.^{e} 5.th Novem.^{r} 1760.

Dear Sir,

I hope this shal find you safe arrived at Fort Pitt, and in great good health.

As I have a quantity of ready made shirts lying in McAlaster's hands I shal be much oblig'd, if any are wanted, You'l be so good as to think of me.

The Willing Family is very well, Miss Willing has been indisposed lately, but is now getting bravely again. Mr. Dulany passd thro' here a few days since, in this way to Maryland, pretty

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well recoverd; but under great Concern for the death of his Brothern Law, Col.° Lasher.

I remain w.t much Esteem
Dear Sir
Yours; &c

ALEX.r LUNAN

[Endorsed] M.r Lunan 5.th Nov 1760

(November 8, 1760)

MAJOR WILLIAM WALTERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 254, A. L. S.]

Niagara 8.th November 1760.

Dear Colonel

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your two Letters one of the 31.st october & one of the 1.st Novem.br with Gen.l Monckstons orders, which I Rec.d the 5.th Instant in the Evning.

According to His orders I have ordered one Captain one Subb: & Sixty men to hold themselves in readyness to Embark on Board the first boats that come here for Presqu Isle for their conveyance and to bring with them provisions.

I have not one Single boat at this Garrison that is fit to put on the Lake, which Major Rogers Could Informed you with, I was obliged to send with him and his party all the Battauxs I had & to take all the Traders Battoes that was here to assist him & his party in bringing them and their provisions to Presqu Isle.

Colonel Bouquet.

(November 8, 1760)

I have kept all the Troops constantly Employ^{d} this Summer both in assisting Major Rogers' party and in carrying provisions to the Landing in order to have it Ready for your boats when they Should arrive to take provisions for your post.

I sent by Captain Clapham one Hundred & twenty Barrels Flour, Seventy Barrels pork & three Barrels Butter which I fear is Lost. Enclosed is a Return of all the provision in Store in this Garrison which will Last but a very Short time unless We Receive a fresh Supply. Seldom one misfortune comes, alone, on the 25th october the Williamson Brig Run on Shore upwards of five miles from hence She spreng a Leak ~~with~~ with all her provisions in her, and with a great dale of Labour with all the Troops in the Garrison, I have got it out & had upwards of five miles to Carry it ~~through the~~ through the woods Which Was attended with a great dale of fatague in Wearing the Men cloths out & Necessarys. I have Sent two Boats Express with Letters to General Amherst and to the commanding officer at oswego to beg their assistance in Sending provision & boats for this Service, without which we must Suffer as well as the posts Depending on this Garrison for provisions, You will see by the Enclosed return of provision I send You the Small Quantaty I have in store.

I am Surprized that Major Rogers did not acquaint you that he had brought with his party all the boats and Battoes we had, with all the Traders Battauxs, which obliged Some of them to go to oswego in Small cannoes as the most of them goes to their whomes from hence for the winter.

Captain Cochran and Ensign Christie is order'd for your post with the Detachment, who Shall be ready so soon as you send your Battauxs for them, or Should any arrive from oswego I Shall Send them. as there was only one Serj^{t} and Six Men sent in the Express boat and the Serj^{t} being Lame I have sent one Corp^{l} and six men of Capt Cochrans party in order to make Quick Dispatch with this and to forward the Enclosed Letter to Genl Monckton, two Ship carpenters will be of great use here with a Little Pitch as I have not any as I was obliged to use all the Pitch I had about our scow as she was sunk several times and Damage^{d} much in geting the provision out of the Brig.

Colonel Bouquet.

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I Received Serjiant Harris' Petetion.

I have had many Serj.ts Corp.ls and private men that has made applecation to me for their Discharge teling ing me their time is out, but as I was at a post where I cannot Expect Recruits cannot comply with their Request.

I have wrote to General Amherst and to Gen.l Monckton on that head, so shall wait for their Instruction about it.

I am now to acquaint You with an affair that Happened between Ensign Schlosser and Mr. Demler Engineer, Ensign Jehu Hay Informed me that a Dispute had Happen.d between them the 13.th october occasioned by some provoking words that passed between them which came to Blows & some kicks, ~~and~~ and that he Expected it would end in a Duel as they would not make it up was obliged to put them under arrest I have acquainted Gen.l Amherst and Gen.l Monckton with it.

Captain Wait is arrived with his four Small Battoes I have ordered an old one that Cap.t Rogers Left to be Patched up to assist him in carrying provisions, as he could not be particular as to the Quantaty he could carry I have ordered the Serj.t at Little Niagara to take a Receipt for what he carry.s and shall acquaint you with it in my Next.

Cap.t Waite tells Me he beleves he cannot be able to carry more then forty Barrels. I have Sent with him two half Barrels Gun powder with Some flints.

I am Dear Colonel.
Sir
your most obedient Humble Servant

Wm WALTERS

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Walters dated Niagara the 8.th Nov.r 1760 Received at Fort Pitt the 4.th December d.o

(November 10, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 256, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango 10th Novem^r 1760

Sir

On the Evening of the 7th I had the pleasure of being favour'd w^t Yours of the 3th & 4th Ins^t Lt Hamback set out from hence early in ye morn^g of ye 8th in a light Canoe and I'm perswaded got to Pittsb^g last night.

I herewith send 41 Horses loaded with 4275^lb of Flour I could not possibly get any more horses and as many of them I now send are much infeebled by hard Service was oblig'd to put small Loads upon them. Tomorrow night ~~night~~ I expect Lt Gist from PresqueIsle w^t the horses that went last up & will after giving them one days rest send them back w^t more flour, I have not nor will not suffer a horse to go downwards till a sufficient Stock is laid in at the upper Posts, which I fear will be difficult to effect as the horses on this Communication are in miserable order & the Roads become very deep. I have therefore wrote for The Generals Permission to send the next Batteaux that comes here up French Creek, which would vastly accelerate & facilitate that essential Service; the only Batteau we have here, is excessively Leaky nor have we have ~~not~~ an Oz. of Tarr or Oakum to repair her, else would with great pleasure have sent her to LeBoeuf, but as your own Boat set out from hence the 1st Ins^t and must 'ere now be at that Post I hope it will prove no disappointment to You I did not detain a Pensylvanian one moment here & even sent down some Virgin^s There is not a Nail come up here for You nor this Post, Tho' the Shingles &C^a. for finishing the Block House have been ready these 12 Days. I did myself the pleasure to present Your Complemt^s to the Gent. here who unite with me in our Respectfull Comp^ts & best wishes for your Health & Welfare I am

With Great Respect
Sir
Your most Obed^t most hble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

Pray forgive want of Paper I have not a Sheet in ye world}

(November 13, 1760)

GENERAL ROBERT MONCKTON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 257, D. S.]

[November 13, 1760.]

Detail

	Captains	Subalterns	Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & File
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Stoney Creek	[				] 7
[					] 30
[					]
[	] ~~4~~ 4	8	12	6	293

The Rest of the Officers & [. . .] of Royal American Battallion, with what is left of the three Hundred Virginians, to bee at Fort Pitt:-

ROB^{t}. MONCKTON

[Endorsed] Detail For the Winter Garrisons of the Western Army 13th November 1760

(November 16, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 259, A. L. S.]

Venango Nov.r 16th 1760.

Sir.

On the 10th Capt. Stephens & 9 Batteaux arrivd here after a Passage of 17 Days in which one of the Batteaux became so leakey as obliged him to Distribute her Load amongst the others & leave her behind, he usd 4 Barrels of Flour on the passage & brought to this place 45 Barrls Flour & 10 of Salt on the 11th in the morning I sent the 9 Batteaux from hence for LeBeeuf wth 35 Barrls Flour 5 Do of Salt & 2000lb of Salted Beef in Barrels & directed the Officer Commanding at LeBeeuf that on the arrival of the Batteaux he would send what Bullocks he might then have to PresquIsle wth an Acct of the Provisions he might receive by Capt Stephens

Yesterday Capt Miles with part of the Pensylvanians that Garrisond the upper Posts arrivd here, I expect the rest of them here this day, the Virginians that Releivd them got up safe, as the Express Lt Dangerfield sent me is not yet arrivd I do not exactly know what Provs were at LeBeeuf Inclosd is a Copy of a return Capt. Miles brought from PresquIsle, where there was no Acct of the Royal Americans nor of the Batteaux expected with Provisions: Yesterday Capt Miles who came down by Water met with the Batteaux 10 Miles on this side of Custologo's Town & had it not been for the Rain that fell Yesterday he must have been frose up & it was with the utmost difficulty Capt Miles could cut his Way thro the Ice which in 2 Nights grew 3 Inches thick

There is yet no Acct of the Barge or 2d Division of Batteaux tho they had good Water & Sufficient time to be here. I have herewith sent an order to the Serjt. who I understand Commands them to acquaint me by Express of the Condition the Batteaux are in, the distance he is from this place & if he wants Assistance; I cannot conceive there is any Chance for their geting up French Creek unless we should be favourd with a tract of Weather which we cannot with the least shadow of reason hope for, we have not even had here one

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day since you left us without Snow & Frost till Yesterday, we had an incessant Rain the whole day, and your knowledge of this Country renders it unnecessary for me to inform You that no Judgment can be formd of the Weather in it from that with you at Pittsburgh.

Last night returnd here 2 of the Party I sent up with the Bullocks on the 9th: they were nearly drowmded in attempting to Cross the Creek 15 Miles this side of LeBeeuf their raft was overset & tore to Pieces by the impetuosity of the Stream which hurld them down a considerable way, by Swiming well they with difficulty savd their Lives, but lost their Arms & Bundles, the Bullocks & rest of the Party got over safe & would reach LeBeeuf the 14th at Night.

As yet no Acct of the Hogs. Every expedient that could be thought off to procure Horses has been tried to no purpose & by the Accts Capt Miles & his Officers gives of the Road from LeBeeuf to PresqueIsle its become quite impassible & its very evident that little more if any thing can be done towards forwarding Provisions upward besides Hogs.

A Cooper & a few Coopers Tools wth Small Nails for which I have frequently applied to Colo Burd for is much wanted & as its not improbable but that Horses may be got from the Indians early in the Spring sending up some Packsaddles here would in that Event be of great Service; we have long stood in great need of Hinges & Nails for hanging our Gate & Inner Doors & if they are not yet sent off I flatter myself you will be so good as to give orders about them; I will send you a return of our Provs & Ca by Capt Miles who waits for the arrival of the rest of his Commands who will set out this Evening or to morrow morning.

I am with great Esteem & Respect
Sir
Your most Obedt & Most hble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart December 16th 1760

(November 18, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 261, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango Novr 18 1760

Sir

Yesterday the Inclosd arrived here as did 20 Bullocks 15 of which with Blankets & a Little Flower I send Off this morning for the upper Posts of which I inclose an Invoice, I understood by Capt Campbell that the Genl would not leave Pittsburgh for some time I therefore did not think of applying to any other for Provisions &C^{a} but I now understand that he set out for Philadelphia the 24th Ult^{o} and as my Letters were address'd to Him without mentioning for the Commanding Officer at Fort Pitt, Sr John St Clair did not Choose to open them, to that is owing our being so badly Supplied.

The Serj^{t} that brought up the Bullocks informs me that the Batteaux left Pittsburgh for this Place 14 Days agoe but the vast Quantitys of ice that Rolls down the River I dread will render their passage arduous if not impracticable I cannot hear that they have any Meat for us, nor can find any Expedient for sending up Provisions were it here, as its now impossible to send any thing by water & the Horses that are gone up I am Certain will by the time they get here be totally unfit for Service.

The Nails for this place is at length arrived & the Block House is now finished all to the hanging of some Doors which we cannot do for want of Hinges. I immagined that from this Difficulty there must be in laying in a Sufficiency of Provisions for the Winter at this & the upper posts, that I should ere now have received orders to send down apart of this Detachm^{t}, but in place of that a Serj^{t} & 12 Virginians have Just reinforced me from Pittsburgh. I beg you will be pleasd to favour me with Your orders as I am extremely uneasie at our Situation. Inclosd are Returns of the Detachm^{t} Provision & Stores remaining here. I have this Day sent an Express to Sr Jno St Clair or Officer Commanding at Fort Pitt acquainting him with our Situation & begging he would send us provision as fast as Possible.

I long much for the pleasure of seeing you

& am with Great Respect
Sir
Your most Obed^{t} & Most hble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart Novr 18th 1760

(November 21, 1760)

CAPT. S. MILES TO COL. HUGH MERCER

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 263, A. L. S.]

Presqu Isle 21st of Novr 1760.

Sir

There are six Men of Mr Irvine's Party Deserted, ~~the first night~~ who were seen and spoken to by Sheafor on his Return from LeBeaff, five of thire names I have Enclosd.

The Men both here and at LeBeaff say the will not stay any Longer than ~~til~~ the 26th of Novr Mr Zwingles informs me this garrison has sent to the Men at LeBeaff, telling them the will be there in a few days, and Desiring them to be Ready, that the may all go down together, I have Sent word of this to Wenango, with the names ~~of~~ as of those who are already Deserted and am affraid if we are not Releivd very soon we shall have aweak garrison.

Mr Irvine is gone on with the two Boats.

I am
Sir
your Most Humble & obedt Servant

S: MILES

To Colo Hugh Mercer

Henry Strump
Martin Smith
Fredk Olt
Critzwiser
Baster Kritzer

[Addressed] On His Majestys service to Colo Hugh Mercer at Fort Pitt

To Colo Bouquet -- if Colo Mercer should have left Fort Pitt

(November 21, 1760)

LIEUT. JOHN WILSON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 266, A. L. S.]

[London, Nov. 21, 1760.]

Sir

I take this Opportunity of Informing you That I Expect very Shortly to Quit the Army, as I Have Something Much Better in View, & Which I hope Will take Place in Six Weeks at Farthest. I Have Wrote to Generall Amherst on the Same Subject & hope to Acquaint you By the Packett Which Sails In January. Mr. Dow will be able to Inform you, of the Whole affair.

I am Extremely oblig'd to you, Sir, & the Regiment, for the Kind Indulgence they Have Already Given Me, I Have the Honour to be with Respect.

Sir
Yr. most obedt. & oblig.d Humbl. Servt.

JOHN WILSON

London Novr. 21st 1760.

[Endorsed] Lieut Wilson Novr. 1760

[Addressed] To Coll.o Bouquet Commanding the 1st Battalion of His Majesty's Royall American Regt. in North America

(November 23, 1760)

CAPT. S. MILES TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 268, A. L. S.]

Presqu-Isle the 23d. of Novr. 1760.

Sir

The Pack-Horses arriv'd about Twelve oClock but, out of 43 Horses which set of from Venango there was but 29 came here, and five left at La Beaff, I have Detain'd a Driver and four Horses agreable to your Order's.

The sarjeant says the Indians Kill'd one of the Horses and Wounded three More and several gave out on the way

There was a Deficency of 422 lb. of Flower, out of 4696 lb (being the Quantity Sent from Venango) which the Sarjeant could not accompt for.

Mr Smyth Complean'd to me of the Baker's having Imbeazzled 273 lb of Flower Since the 5th Inst. upon which I had him Try'd; he was found Guilty and sentanced 400 Lashes, and to pay for the Flower. Great Part of this he sold to the Party that have Deserted, of whome I suppose Colo. Mercer has acquainted you. I have nothing More that is Meterial. We spend great part of our time in Viewing the Lake in hopes of Discovering the Boats from Niagara but have not as yet seen the least sign of them.

I am with Respect
Sir
Your Most Obed.t and Most Humble Serv.t

S: MILES

To Colo Henry Bouquet.

[Endorsed] Captain Miles 23d Novr 1760

[Addressed] On His Majestys service; To Colonel Henry Bouquet at Fort Pitt

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LIEUT. THOMAS HUTCHINS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 270, A. L. S.]

Venango Nov.r 23.rd 1760

Honour'd Sir,

About 12 O'Clock your Baggage arrived which was immediately put in the Battoe, and the Memorandum left with me is in every respect Comply'd with.

I expect a few days industry will enable me to furnish you with a Plan of the Fort at Venango, and a Survey of the Land about it, and if I cou'd be assured that my Surveys would not be too troublesome to you, I would with pleasure send you a Sketch of the Road from Pittsburgh to Presqu'Isle with all the Creeks and principal Hills that it Crosses. I am

Sir,
Your most Obediend Humble Serv.t

THO.s HUTCHINS

N B. Dick has the Key Sealed up in paper.

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M.r Hutchins 23.d Nov.r 1760

(November 25, 1760)

REPORT OF THE FORT GUARD

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 246, D. S.]

Report of the Fort Guard.			
Prisoners Names.	Regt.	Company.	Confined by.
Jesse May.	V:	Majr. Lewis's.	Ens. Timberlake.
George Kerr.	Sutler.	.....	Genl. Monckton.
Thos. Harley.	P:	.....	Ens: Mitch.
Corpl. Harshaw.	R: A:	Genl. Stanwix's.	Capt. Mather.
Patrick Gordon.	Do.	Capt. Mather's.	Ens: Wallace.
James Dalton	P:	.....	Lt. Myer.
Derby McCaffery	P: R: A:	Coll. Bouquet's.	Majr. Clayton.

N. B. Geo: Kerr to be delivered to a Sheriff when demanded Jesse May to be delivered to Colo. Stevens on Demand Thomas Harsley to be released.

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Fort Pitt Nov.r 25.th 1760. Parole Chester.

Crimes.	Nights Confined.	Consists of.					Sentries.	
		Subs.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Private.	By Day.	By Night.
For Murder.	229.							
.....	75.							
For Killing a Bullock.	23.							
For Striking a Sold.r of the Pen.s	19.							
For insulting him.	19.							
For abusing Corp.l Harshaw.	19.							
For Rioting, Beating, & Abusing several sold.rs P: R: on the 13.th Ins.t	10.	1.	1.	2.	1.	30.	7.	10.

A BAILLIE
Lieut. 1st Batt: R: A: R:

[Endorsed] Report of the Fort Guard.

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MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 271, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango Novr 25th 1760

Sir

I this Evening by Express received the Inclosd Packets from Sr John St Clair and as I imagine they contain what you may be desirous to know an Express sets out with them this night. The River begins to rise & I imagine if it continues to do so till the Batteaux arrives that some of the smallest of them may proceed up French Creek. I fancy Sr John is gone down the Country else would have wrote to him. I long much for being favourd with your orders about this place & am with Great Respect

Sir
Your most Obedient & Most hble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart 25th November 1760

(November 26, 1760)

CAPT. S. MILES TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 272, C.]

Presqu'Isle the 26th Novr 1760

Sir

This Moment, a Corp^{l} and 7 men of Capt Cochran's detachment arrived here, Express from Niagara, after a passage of 13 Days, They Set out in the Weale Boat, you Sent from here, but ware lost

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away near Bass Creek, and Stove the Boat, after which they were obliged to Travel by land. Mr. Ervin took the Corpls, and Seven Pensilvanians back with him in Place of those who Deserted, and expected to get into the River the next Day after he left them which was Saturday last. The Corpl. Says, That Capt. Cochran Could not Set out, till Boats were Sent for him, But I Suppose Major Waters has wrote you on that Subject. The Corpl. Says The Day he left little Niagara, There was a Man came in there, who had made his escape from the Indians, and told them, he Seen The Big Boat rackd. on the Shore, about Two Days march from the mouth of the River, and That there was ten Barrels laying on Shore Covered with a Sail. He Says there were Several tracks, going to, and from the Boat, but did not know, whether they were Indians, or our People.

The Shiprights were obliged, to leave one of the Boats here unfinished, as they had not oakam Enough to Cork her, all the wood work is done, and they set out this Morning for le Boeuf. They will finish the Boats there, in two, or three Days at furthest.

I wrote you by Mr. Price, Since which I have received 13 Bullocks, and 398 lb of Flower, and one Bullock left at le Beouf.

I am with respect
Sir
Your most obedient. and most Humble Servant

S: MILES.

Coll: Henry Bouquet.

A Copy.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Copy of a Letter from Capt. Miles to Colonel Bouquet dated at Presqu'Isle 26th. Novr. & received at Fort Pitt the 4th December 1760 The original sent to General Monckton

(November 28, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M. Add. MSS. 21645, f. 273, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango Novem.r 28.th 1760.

Sir

On the night of the 26.th Instant I sent you an Express with 2 Pack.ts which on that Evening came here for you, and I hope e'er now is got safe to hand, this Day L.t Price with a party of Pennsyl.s arrived from Presqu'isle, as did the Serjeant and 12 Virginians that march'd from hence the 14.th as an Escort to 44 pack horses with Flour for the upper Posts only 19 of the Horses are returned which with the Pack horses I send down to Pittsburgh

Ab.t 11 OClock last night the Sentry over the Batteaux and another Soldier Carried off the best of them with all the Oars we had, which Effectually disabled me from sending after them, the River being much Swell'd and the Stream very rapid, I have sent a Particular discription of the Villains to Cap.t McNeill.

Inclosed is a Return of the Detachment, I cannot at Present get a return of the Provision the Commisary being ill but I'm informed we have not Meat for more than 2 Days, and to morrow is Serving Day the 4 Bullocks that was here when you left us proved Extreanly mean & the parties that went down the day you set out & are since Arrived have greatly diminished the small Quantity, & the Indians do not bring us an Ounce of Venison. therefore beg you'll be please to order us meat of some kind as soon as possible, as this Detachment is quite Raged and men without Cloaths and meat, especially at this Season be kept easy the Infernal Spirit of Desertion is Reenter'd them. There is now Water enough in French Creek if we had Batteaux

I am with great respect
Sir
Your most obedient & Most Humble Serv.t

ROBERT STEWART

(November 28, 1760)

P. S since writing the above to my great Concern the Express I sent with your Packets is returned as he found it impossible to Cross the Creeks therefore without loosing a moment send our Remaining Batteaux with them as our Communication by Land is Cut off and it will be very Difficult for Batteaux to come up against such an impetuous Current. I Conceive that the only Chance that now Remains for Our getting any Provisions soon is to send up the Barge with 6 Oars, unless som Expedient of that kind we must inevitably suffer Extreamly.

R.S.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart to Colonel Bouquet dated Venango 28th Nov 1760

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COL. HENRY BOUQUET TO MAJOR ROBERT STEWART

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 275, C.]

Fort Pitt the 28th November 1760

Sir

I arrived the 25th at this Post; where I Found the Generals Orders to Send down all the Penselveynia Troops and with all the Royal Americans & one Hundred of Your Regiment; garrison all the Post on the Sth East side of Lake Erie, as per Enclosed Detail. If at the Receipt of this, you had no Intelligence of the arrival of the Detatchment; of the R: A: From Niagara at Presquisle You will Please to order Forthwith a Detatchment of

One Subaltern 1 Serjt 1 Drummr & 30 Rank & File To march from Venango; to Presquisle to Releive the Penselveynia Troops; now at that Post; who are to march Down:

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You will also Order another Detatchment of:

one Subaltern one Serj^{t} and Twenty R and F To march at The Same Time From Y^{r} Post To Lee Beauf; To Relelve The Penselveynians Actually there.

Enclosed are Letters For Capt Miles & Letter to Swinglius who Comnd^{g} Those Post Captain Buckner & Ten of Your men are Ordered to Join Your Detatchment at Venango; to Compleat it ~~Your Detatchment~~ to 1 Capt [2] Subalterns 3 Serjeants 2 Drummers & 100 Rank & File Including the Above Detatchment; they will Take with them Twenty Two Bullocks from hence; of which and those You may have You will spare what You Cann from Presquisle and Le Boeuf; I am now Getting the Remainder of our Batteaux here Ready to Send to Venango; Salt Beef and some more Flower [and] a little Forrage If I can Gett itt; In Case You Could hire Indian horses [I] Begg You would Send up what Flour You Can and Some Salt: But in [case] at the Recest of this You Should have Certain Intelligence of the Arrival of the Detatchment; R: A. from Niagara, at Presquisle You will [only] then Send to that Post and Le Beouf; what Cattle; Flour; & Salt you [can] and Send no Other Troops; then the Necessary Escort Till You have Further [dir]ections From me; The River Being So Condiserabley Raisd I hope you have [been] able to Push the Batteaus To Le Boeuf which must be attempted as long long as there is any Prospect; of there Getting there; The Two Detatchments are [to] march by Land For Expedetion as the Time of the Penselveynians is Expired at this Distance I Cannot Judge of Every Circumstance that may Occur you will [~~inform~~] ~~Major Stewart.~~ Please to give the Orders that will appear to You necessary [to The] Releif and Supply of the upper Posts without waiting for an answer from me. The Two Officers You will Send with Those Detatchments are to Take Charge [of] the Provision and all Kind of Stores in their Respective Posts & Transmitt To you their Returns Following besides the Written Instructions I left For the Commanding Officers as Farr as nott Contradicted by the Present Orders; as Soon as You are Informed, that these Two upper Posts are Returned and Properly Supplied You will Come down Your Self with one Officer and what Men will Exceed the 100 Ordered by the General; Doctor Johnson is Ordered By the General to ~~Stay~~ stay at Venango, and Doctor Russell Toldme that he Had Supplied him with the Necessary Medicines; Therefore we Shall have No ~~Necessary~~ Occasions For Doctor Bonds Chests: I am Sorry You are Detained So long at Venango But the Difficulties attending the Execution Of the

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Generals Orders at this Season are Such as to Render Your Presence there, Absolutely Necessary. Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Stephens has Leave to go to the Settlements and the Command of Your Corps Devolves upon You

I am with Great Esteem
Sir
Your most Obedient & Humble Servt

[no signature]

Please to Forward the Inclosed Letters Seald to Capt Cochrane: Capt miles: Lieu^{t} Swinglis Left open For Your Perusal:

[Endorsed] Copy of a Letter to Major Stewart at Venango, dated Fort Pitt 28th Novr 1760

(December 1, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT ROGERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 276, A. L. S.]

Camp at D'troit Decr 1st 1760

S^{r}

You will Receive this by Lt Holmes whome I have Ordered to wait on you, with, and deliver over to you a Number of English prisoners, that you might Send them to there Respective Regiments or places of Aboad. Lt Holmes has orders to apply to you for provisions and Such other Nessesries as he may want for his Raingers and the French Troops, & which I hope you will be pleased to deliver him, and give him an Order to draw what provisions he may want, from Post to Post, till he comes with ye French prisoners to Philadelphia.

I send off this day ten French men to Fort Pitt to bring Cattle from thence, to this place for the support of the Garrison, or to serve as Guids and assist, Such people as you may send with horses And provisions, Should there be no Cattle, the Lakes are so bad, this Post will have no other Support of [Mich] but what comes

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from Fort Dequesne this winter. Flour the Inhabitants have Engaged to Furnish me, with a Sufficient Quantity for the Garrison, so you will See the Nesessity of forwarding Cattle or Provisions on horse back:

Captain Campble is in the Fort With his Company where he will Remain this winter. the Season is so Far advanced that it is not possible to get provisions to Machena- yet, the French Troops I shall bring off.

I shall write you more fulley by Mr. Croghan, the Inhabitents have all taken the oaths of alleighence and delivered up their Arms

I am
Sr
Your most obt. Servt.

ROBt. ROGERS
Major of Rangers

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Rogers dated 1st Decr received the 24th do 1760

[Addressed] On his Majestys Service To Colo. Boquet or Commanding officer at Fort Pitt

(December 1, 1760)

COL. HENRY BOUQUET TO MAJOR ROBERT STEWART

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 278, C.]

Fort Pitt the 1st December 1760

Sir

I received last night by Lieut. Price your Packett. Tho Part of the Pensilvania Escort sent by Sr. John with the 20 Bullocks Deserted, I hope the Cattle Arrived Safe, and Reliev'd you from your Just Anxiety as to Meat.

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The Waters being too high I could not Send you any Supply Sooner, but to Morrow Capt. Buckner setts off with twenty More Bullocks, And Nine Battoes are loading Salted Beef in Barrels for your Garrison, Whiskey amunition and Indian Corne as Pr. Invoice Inclos'd. The Party going With this Cargoe have got Liquor for themselves, the four Caggs have been all filld and None of them Ever Broach'd therefore if they dont Deliver them in the same Order, you will easily discovour it. If Indian horses could be hired, they could Carry Some Amunition to the upper Posts, I have Ordered the casks to be light for that Purpose, And you will Dispose of the Indian Corne for that use. If I had more would have sent it.

I hope that the upper posts have not been Abandonned before your Detachment could get up, But Should the Pensilvinia Troops left there have been guilty of that Infamy you will please to secure them, if they Appear at or About your Post, and Send them under safe guard here.

If you think that by riseing the Price for Venison, you Could Procure some, I beg you will do it at least till the Hogs expected Arrive.

Four of the Battoes in the best Order must be kept at Venango to Push them Early in the spring to Le Boeuf with provisions If you keep any more for your Own use, I desire that all the Battoe Men be sent down when they have done their trip to Venango, or Le Boeuf, as they are to be discharg'd as soon as possible, their Pay being so high.

You will please to make a repartition of the Bullocks for the two upper Posts and Open the letters directed to me, by the Commdg. Officers of the same, that you may give the Necessary Orders Immediately And when you have seen all the Battoes Arrived, and forwarded by land and water what you can, you will come down as I mentioned in my last, without waiting for any thing Further from me, leaving with Captain Buckner Such Instructions, as you will Judge most Conductive to the good of his Majestys Service in that Department.

I am with a Sincere Regard
Sir.
Your most obedient Humble Servant

H. BOUQUET

Major Stewart

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Copy of Col. Bouquet's Letter to Major Stewart 1st December 1760

(December 3, 1760)

SERG. ANGUS McDONALD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 279, A. L. S.]

[Fort Burd, Dec. 3, 1760.]

Sir

Agreeable to your honours orders I have sent A Return of the Stores I Received at this Post But I Could not Get them weighed nor Measured so as I Cannot Answer for its being Just But as Soon As I am settled I shall weigh the flour and send An Exact Return. There is no meat fit to Eat for the Beef stinks Like Carrion. if your honour would be Pleas.d to send me some Powder and Lead I would make some of the Soldiers hunt But as Ammunation is very scarce I Cannot spare any For that Use. your honour Desired I would Load The Batoes with turnips But there is none at This Garrison here is a contractors Clark who has The Provision in Care Belonging to the Contractors

Sir I am with Esteem and Submision
at your Hon.rs Command

ANGUS McDONALD
Serj.t V Regt

Fort Burd Decemb.r y.e 3.d 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Serj.t McDonald
Fort Burd 3.d Dec.r 1760

(December 4, 1760)

GEORGE KERR TO JOHN DONCASTLE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 280, C.]

Fort Pitt 4th Decr 1760

Sir

Wheras I latly write to Coll Bouquet, which I learn was laid before you, Requesting that I might be allowed to Know all the particulars relative to the cause of my confinment which has been long prolonged by the ignorance I have been Keept in, But Tempus nunquam revertetur [time never returns]; it is absolutely necessary that I should be immediately acquainted with the Same as also be furnished a coppy of Cuninghams Deposition agt me, And also that you provide me with a pair of Breeches & leggens -- And let me say in this affair nemo me impuni lacessit [no one assails me with impunity] & To conclude in communiforma it may not be amiss to follow the custom [. . . . .] of the most polite Nation

Je Sui
[I am]

Vote tres humble Serviteur a le terra
[Your very humble servant of the land.]

GEORGE KERR

~~For~~ To Mr John Doncastle

(A Coppy)

[Endorsed] George Kerr Fort Pitt 4th Day of Dec. 1760

(December 4, 1760)

CAPT. WOODWARD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 281, A. L. S.]

Fort Ligonier Decr 4th 1760

Sir

Inclos'd are the Returns, I wou'd have sent them to You before, but thought it was better to wait, untill all the Pennsilvanians had left me. I have the Pleasure to inform You that the four following Deserters from ye Pennas I took up Yesterday, Viz: Henr Strunch, Baltazar Durr, Fredrick Alt, and Philip Kreutzwisser. Martin Smidt is still at Pittsburgh and Batts is inlisted wth the Royal Americans, (as the Prisoners inform Me.) I have Sir conformable to Your Orders, sent a Serjt and 8 Virginians to Stoney-Creek, with Instructions to send Me Weekly Returns; and to Isue No Provision, or Forrage, without an Order from You Sir, the A: D: G: Mr G: at Bedford, or myself. I shou'd be glad to know, how often you wou'd please to have the Returns transmitted to You and am with great Respect,

Sir,
Your most obedient Humble Servant,

[H] WOODWARD

P: S:
Sir The Deserters will sit off to morrow, for Fort Pitt: I wou'd have sent up some Forrage as Capt Gordon told me You was in great Want but I have not a horse in ye World neither have any Pack horses passd this Post

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Captain Woodward
4th December 1760

(December 4, 1760)

COL. ADAM STEPHEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 283, A. L. S.]

Fort Burd Decr 4th 1760

Dr Sir,

We had great difficulty in geting up the River. Angus M^{c}-Donald had arrived a day before us, & the Penn^{s} were gone; the Stores are in very bad Order; Several Bags of Corn lying on the ground, the bags rotten & Corn much wasted. The Beef Salted early in hot Weather and intirely Spoild. We inspected & Condemned it. I have recommended to the Serj^{t} to Save any bit of it that is tolerable when it is Carryd out to be buried. I am with the highest Esteem

Dr Sr Your most Ob^{t}.

ADAM STEPHEN

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Colonel Stephen Fort Burd Decr the 4th 1760

(December 5, 1760)

SERG. ANGUS M^{c}DONALD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 284, A. L. S.]

[Fort Burd, Dec. 5, 1760.]

Sir

I have Sent by the Batoes 255 Bushalls of Corn and would Send more but Could not for want of Baggs for the Baggs are all Rotten, with Liing on the Ground. I Do not Know whose neglect it is But the

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Stores and forrage are all in Bad trime at this Post. as Col^{o} Stephen Did not bring any men to Carry Down the Batoes I was forced to send four of my men Down which I hop your honour will send up with all Speed.

I am your honours very Humble Servt

ANGUS M^{c}DONALD

Fort Burd Decemb^{r} ye 5th 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from the Serjeant Command^{g} at Fort Burd 3^{d} December 1760

(December 5, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO ENSIGN PHILIP LOVE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 285, C.]

Camp at Venango Decr 5th 1760

A Copy

Sir

You will please take upon you the Command of the Party under Marching orders for LeBeeuf with which you March with all Convenient Expedition till you arrive at that Post where you will releive the Pensylvanians & take an exact return of the Provision, Amunition & Stores of every kind, there may be there on your arrival, a Duplicate of which you will have ready to transmit me by an express which Lt Dangerfield will send me on his Arrival at PresquIsle I must recommend that the utmost care be taken of the Provisions & Stores that the former are Issued with the greatest Frugality & Oconomy.

When the Batteaux arrives at LeBeeuf you will have them unloaded with the greatest dispatch & sent back here.

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You will Continue to forward the Flower & Salt upon Horses that goes from here or any that you may Possibly get, as long as they Continue fit for Service & you will please to give your orders that the greatest care be taken of them.

You will be carefull in maintaining good order and Discipline in your Garrison to each Man of which you may order a Blanket which are to be returnd into the Store when you March downwards.

Should a Detachm.t of the Royal Americans arrive at Presqu-Isle you will please to follow such orders as the Officer command.g that Detachm.t may send you. I wish you an agreeable Comm.d

& am

Sir
your most Obed.t hble Serv.t

ROBERT STEWART

To En.s Phillip Love of the Virginia Regim.t}

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Instructions given by Major Stewart to Lieut. Love going to relieve Le Boeuf 5.th December 1760

(December 5, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO LIEUT. WILLIAM DANGERFIELD

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 287, C.]

Camp at Venango Dec.r 5.th 1760

A Copy

Sir

You will please take upon you the Command of the Detachment under Marching orders for Presqulsle & with which you will proceed

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with the utmost Expedition to Releive the Pensylvanians at that Post, should you on your arrival there find Capt Cochrane or an Officer Commanding a Detach^{t} of the Royal American Regim^{t} you are to follow such orders as he may give you, but in Case he should not be there you are immediately by Express to transmit me an exact return of the Provision Ammunition & Stores of every kind there may be at that Post which Express is to wait on the Officer Commanding at Le Beouf for a Letter from him to me

If on your arrival at PresquIsle there should be no Royal American officer of Superior Rank to you then of Course the Command of that Post (after you have Releivd Capt Miles) devolves on you in wch event I must desire you will Maintian good order & Discipline in your Garrison & that the Provisions are Issued with the utmost frugality & Oconomy the care of which, Amunition & other Stores must constantly engage your particular attention & you may rest assurd that my utmost endeavours will be exerted to forward a Sufficient quantity of Provisions to the upper Posts.

Doct^{r} Bond of the Pensylvania Regim^{t} will leave with you a small Assortment of such Medicines as you will most probably want wth Directions how to Use them.

When you releive Capt Miles he will deliver you the orders he receivd in writeing from Col^{o} Bouquet which you are Carefully to Obey in every Particular that does not interfere with the above given by Col^{o} Bouquets Instructions.

When you arrive at PresquIsle you will order a Blanket to each Man of your Detachm^{t} which you are to return into the Kings Store when you March down

I wish you an agreeable March & am

Sir
Your most Obed^{t} hble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

To Lieut Wm Dangerfield of the Virginia Regim^{t}

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Instructions given by Major Stewart to Lieut^{t} Dangerfield Marching to Presque'Isle 7th December 1760

(December 5, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 289, A. L. S.]

Camp at Venango December 5th 1760.

Sir.

It was not before last night I receivd your favour of the 28th Ulto in Consequence of the orders there in containd I This morning Detach'd from this place 1 Sub, 1 Serjt, 1 Drum & 30 Rank and File for PresquIsle & 1 Sub, 1 Serjt & 20 Rank & File for LeBeeuf to releive the Pensylvanians at those Posts. I by Express Inclose you Duplicates of the orders I have given to the Officers Commanding these Detachments that no Time may be lost in adding to them what ever you may think wanting or Countermanding what may be wrong or Superfluous.

Whenever the Batteaux (which I daily expect) arrives I will not loose a moment in getting them lightend & sent off for LeBeeuf which passage will be attempted so long as any probability of its practicability remains, But I fear it will be impossible for to prevail upon any of the Indians at this to them advantagious Season of Hunting either to go with their Horses or trust them to our Care for any Reward I could without particular orders venture to give however I sent Mr Hutchins to some of the neighbouring Indians on that Service & will leave nothing untry'd to get what I possibly can. Hickman who that day you left this place promised me 8 Horses has since given a Thousand Excuses for his not being able to comply with his promise, upon the whole I do not imagine any dependance can be placed on any of them. It was with vast difficult I got 2 Indian Horses at an exorbitant rate to carry a little Baggage for the Officers of the above Detachments.

The Beeves that came up last were so extreemly poor I was therefore obliged to have them killd to prevent their dying tho they were large (I mean as to Bones) they only weighed 54lb pr Quartr on an Average. I will on Capt Buckners arrival send all the Beeves he brings to the upper Posts & I assure you that every method I can possibly attempt will be prosecuted to the utmost to throw a sufficient supply of Provisions into the upper Posts but considering the numerous & at present apparently insuperable Difficulties to be encounter'd in effecting it I cannot help fearing that my best endeavours will avail little.

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In your letter I observe that when I hear that the 2 Detachm.ts are arrivd at their respective Posts I am with 1 Officer and what Men exceed the 100 Rank and File ordered by the General to Return to Pittsburgh and I see by the Copy of the Generals Detail that there is only 1 Capt. 2 Subs 2 Serj.ts 1 Drum & 80 Rank & File to be here I therefore beg you will be pleasd to inform me (as soon as Possible) which of them I am to abide by, if 100 I shall not have a Man to return with me in which Event, I hope you will be so good as allow me a small Party to Assist in making Rafts to cross the Rivers take Care of my Baggage &Ca.

I will esteem it a particular favour if youll be so good as inform Capt McNeill (who I have directed to wait upon you) wether I am to go down the Country that in case I do not he may send my Horses down which must soon Perish at Pittsburgh

As severals of the Party that came up with the Bullocks are Frost Bitten I was obligd to allow them to stay here till now being before unable to March.

Inclos'd are returns of the Detachm.t Provisions & Stores here, I have wth much difficulty prevaild on some Indians to bring in Venison & they lately have brought us a considerable Supply but it will be impossible to get much more from them unless the mode of their being regularly & punctually paid is immediately fixt. Lodging a Sum of Money with the Indian agent or Commissary of Provisions here to take up their Notes & pay off what meat may be brought would be the most certain way of Establishing our Credit (which is now very low) with them which once fixt would be productive of very essential advantages to the Service in this Quarter. I doubt not but you will forgive my presuming to Suggest anything of this kind to so much a better Judge as I'm perswaded you will do me the Justice to believe it intirely proceeds from my Zeal for the Good of the Service.

Be assur'd that I will neither spare pains nor Expence to recover your Horses & if Successfull will send down 2 Carefull Men with them.

I send down the Waggon Horses by the man who took care off them during their stay here who has Damag'd Flower to feed upon the road & he has orders to take particular care of them.

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I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you soon & am

with Great Esteem & Respect
Sir
Your most Obed.t & most hble Serv.t

ROBERT STEWART

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart Venango 5th December 1760 answered the 11th in sending 30 Beeves

(December 7, 1760)

GEORGE KERR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 291, A. L. S.]

Fort Pitt 7th Decr 1760

Hon.d Sir

Having learned of Mr Wright that my last to your Honour was laid before Doncastle, That he might Supply me with what I therein requested, And not withstanding I wrote him, a coppy of which is inclosed, have received no answer. The General was pleased to acquaint me the day before he went of, That I was confined for forgery, And that Cunninghame was to Send a Sherriff for me, But it is not long Since I came to the Knowledge, of what I Should have forged, which had I Known aggreeable to the civil law, Before I was confined, I might have long Since been at liberty. And as no Sherriff is as yet come, it would appear to me, That they have Grossly abused the confidence reposed in them by the General. But their motive for proceeding in Such a clandastine manner, I Suspect to proceed from, a Desire they have to Some Goods I have proved to have purchased with borrowed mony, which are refused to be delivered to me, and to the share of the profits due me by the company, As also to Keep me out of the way that I may not appear against them, to procure justice for Majr Finnie, one of the partners they have thrown out, without any regularity or form, By Keeping me confined till Such times, I agree to what ever they propose.

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Such capital crimes as forgerie are commonly the Soonest determined by the civil Law, which in many cases, prescribes confinement as a punishment, But it would Seem they want it inflicted on me before I am convicted, having never been called upon to answer for that crime.

It Gives me pain to be So troublesome at this time, and expecialy seeing your honour is So much embarrased, But hope your honour will peruse it, And take the most Speedy and Effectual Methods, for my being Sent down, And also allow me to take cognisance, in Such a manner, that the applications I Shall make below for justice, for all the Injuries I have received here, may not Prove abortive, and believe me as I am in Sincerty

Hon.d Sir
Your most obedient & most Humble Serv.t

GEORGE KERR

[Endorsed] Geo: Kerr

[Addressed] To Coll. Henry Bouquet

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ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 293, L. S.]

Carlisle the 7.th of December 1760

Dr Sr

Your favour of the 27.th Nov.r last I have Rec.d & it gives me great Pleasure to hear you are safe at F.t Pitt.

Plumsted & Franks sent me the Bonds or Obligations of those who contracted in Virginia. Ramsey has deliver'd some part of his

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Flour & settled with me for it & says he will pay what he's now Indebted in Money. He produced some Rec^{ts} for Flour delivered in the Old Contractors time wch I cou'd not settle but Referr'd him to Mr Howell in Philadelphia.

I am glad to hear that all the Beeves is Slaughter'd only what remains on the Road which is about Ninety.

If you intend to send Hoggs to Venango & Presqueisle it may be done as well in a month or Six Week after this, as when Snow is on the Ground, is the easyest time to drive & shou'd it be deep two or three Horses or 3 or 4 Men may Brake the Road. Mr Walker was to have the Hoggs up last month & I conclude they will be soon at F^{t} Pitt.

Inclosed is a General State of our Provision Stores. Mr Willing did not send me the Wine you mention but when Capt: Ourry Returns we will contrive to send you some. I have this day sent £ 30 by Capt: Shelby for Mr Draxer wch will save him the Trouble of coming down. I find it very hard to get a good Hand to Build your Mill but shall endeavour about it.

It is said in Philadelphia that General Monkton is to be Governour of New York. Sir John left this Yesterday, Capt Sinclair set out this day & in 2 or 3 days I intend to follow them. Capt^{t}. Sinclair desired his Compliments to you & said he Writ you from Bedford. I expect to be in Philadelphia about 3 Weeks & if I find on my Return that you are not likely to come down soon I probably may go up.

Inclos'd is the Copy of part of a Letter from London Respecting our Money Bills. I am

D^{r} S^{r}
Your Most Ob^{t} Hum: Servt

A: HOOPS

P: S I have a Rifled Gun that was lost by Smith an Indian, last Summer between this & Shippensbourg. You'll please to give Orders about it if ye Indian is in your parts.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Hoops 7th Decr 1760

(December 8, 1760)

CAPT. WOODWARD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 294, A. L. S.]

Ligonier Decr 8th 1760.

Sir

I had the Honor of receiving Yours by Lieu^{t} Price. Corp^{l} Cook, and the other Deserters from ye Pennsilvanians, I had taken at this Place, and sent them to Bedford before I got Your Letter. I impress'd 9 Horses from the Bearer, three of which are loaded w^{t} three Bushell of Indian Corn each, and five with five Bushell of Oats each, the ninth carries Forage for the rest: I shall be punctual in sending the Returns conformable to Your Orders and am Sir

with great respect
Your most obedient Humble Servt

[H] WOODWARD

P S I kept two Bullocks.

(December 8, 1760)

ALEXANDER LUNAN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 295B, A. L. S.]

Philad^{e} 8. Decem^{r} 1760.

Dear Sir,

I hope this shal find You safe arrived at Pittsburgh, and that we shal Soon have the pleasure of Seeing You in Philadelphia.

I took the Liberty sometime ago to mention to you, that I had lying in the hands of M^{r} McAlastor a parcell of ready made shirts, Some Ind. Blankets and a few Shoes, and do now renew my request, that if any of these Articles are wanted, and You are not

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engaged, You'l be so good, as to order them to be taken of these, as I don't well know, how to dispose of them Otherwise.

All the Family at the Castle are well. The Young Ladies have been for some days out at German Town, to Witness their Cousin's marraige with Mr. Walter from Jamacia, but I suppose, Mr Milling wrote you this piece of News, which he has Long talk'd of.

I have the Honour to be

Dear Sir
Your most obed.t Serv.t

ALEX. LUMAN.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Lunan 8.th December 1760

(December 9, 1760)

JETHRO SUMNER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 297, A. L. S.]

[Fort Bedford, Dec. 9, 1760.]

Sir

When I arriv.d here Captain Ourry had been gone a Week. I reliev.d Captain Nelson; and, the Crossing of Juneatte

Inclose are the Returns of the Stores of each Specie

I am Sir
Yr Serv.t

JETHRO SUMNER

Fort Bedford Decr 9 1760.

[Endorsed] Mr Sumner 9.th Decr 1760

(December 9, 1760)

MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 298, A. L. S.]

Venango Decr 9th 1760

Sir

Last night I had the pleasure to receive your very obliging favour of 1st Ins.t by Capt Buckner who brought here 19 Bullocks the other being by fatigue & Poverty unable to get on was killd a few Miles from hence I sent back for the Beef & got it safe here 2 more of the Bullocks being by the same Causes disabled from going any further I had them killd and this morning I sent the remaining 17 for the upper Posts, 5 to be left at LeBeeuf & 12 to go on to Presqu-Isle my ordering so small a Proportion to LeBeeuf is owing to the Hopes I entertain of being able to supply that Post with salt meat & the Difficulty's the want of Horses will occasion in sending a Supply to PresquIsle

In my last of the 5th I exprest my fears as to engaging Indian Horses for that Service and experience has since evinc'd that my apprehentions were too well grounded for I have not yet been able to procure one in my last I likewise informd you that I had with much difficulty perswaded some of our neighbouring Savages to recommence their supplying us with Venison & the impossibility of prevailing upon them to continue doing so unless the mode of their being regularly paid in money was Speedily Settled.

I have for some Days impatiently expected the arrival of the 1.st Division of the Batteaux this being the 16th day since they set out from Pittsh when they arrive your orders relative to them will be punctually obey'd I will likewise carefully pursue every method you have pointed out for supplying the upper Posts with Provisions and as you have been pleasd to favour me with discretionary orders of prosecuting any additional measure I beg leave to assure You that I will gladly size any favourable incident that may occur to expedite & accomplish that most necessary Service.

As the Detachm.t orderd to releive the Pensylvanians Marchd at 10 OClock, of the morning immediately following the night I receivd your orders, I flatter myself there is no danger of the Pensylvanians having come off till regularly releivd but should they perpetrate so infamous a Crime I will not fail to execute your orders upon them.

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I will not detain a Batteau more than those you have ordered to remain all Winter as I can now have no chance to return by Water & indeed the deep Snows that ere then will probably fall in this voisinage will I fear render my return by Land likewise impossible in which Event the want of some Baggage I have sent down & every necessary to render Life in any measure comfortable being perswaded from what you told me that I should follow you in a few days I provided nothing for the Winter will largely contribute to render this place extreemly disagreeable however if my staying here can in any Degree promote the good of the Service (which I cannot conceive as Capt. Buckner is here) ye Satisfaction resulting therefrom will amply compensate for every inconvenience I can be Subjected to.

Tho I have made all possible enquiry after your Horse & the others lost with him & have offerd the Indians 40/ reward for each to be paid either Cash Rum or Wampum I can yet hear nothing of them. I herewith send back the Horse Capt. Buckner brought up. I am

With great Esteem & Respect
Sir
Your most Obedt. & Most hble Servt.

ROBERT STEWART

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart 9th Decr 1760

(December 11, 1760)

JETHRO SUMNER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 300, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford Decr 11 - 1760

Sir

When I arrivd at Legonier most of the Royal Amerecans had not a Pr shoes that would Bring them to this I was Oblige to Perchase for them. I am quight at a Loss to know how I am to be paid. they have applyd sence to me for such Necessarys But I can not Supply

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them, I hope youll be kind enough to let their Officers know this. I have Inclosed their Names, and Company?

I am Dr Sir
Y^{rs}

JETHRO SUMNER

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut^{t}. Sumner Decr. 11th 1760

[Addressed] To Col^{o}. Henry Bouquet Commanding at Fort Pitt.

(December 11, 1760)

CAPT. WOODWARD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 302, A. L. S.]

Ligonier December 11th 1760

Sir/

The Bearer will deliver into the Forrage-Store at Fort-Pitt forty Bushells of Oats and twenty one of Indian Corn; which with what I sent before compleats the hundred Bushells shoud you have Occasion for more Sir I shall let no Opportunity slip which May offer in sending them.

I am Sir with great Respect
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

[H] WOODWARD

P S/ I believe I made a mistake in my Last by saying five horses Loaded with Oats whereas there were six and 3 with Indian-Corn.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt. Woodward 11th December 1760:

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CAPT. DONALD CAMPBELL TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 304, A. L. S.]

[Detroit, Dec. 11, 1760.]

Sir

I wrote you in my last of our Arrival and taking Possession of this Place, which I hope did find you at Pittsburgh, tho I see by yours to Major Rogers, you had not left Presq'Isle the 7th of last Month, we are oblidged to you for dispatching Morris he came here in twenty three days, Some of the Flour damaged, but the Amunition Safe. Capt Waite has brought us only, thirty three Barrels of Pork, which he Says is all Major Walters could Spare him, this is a great Releif to us. Major Rogers after sending off all the different Partys has only left me flour to victual our Party to the Sevententh Inclusive, thirty Barrils of Pork, and Eleven Bullocks: Mr Navarre who is a most excellent Man, has undertaken to furnish us with twenty thousand weight of flour at least, one hundred Bushels of peese as much Indian Corn as we shall want, ~~as~~ we are to pay the Same the King of France used to due, which comes to fifty Shillings Sterling the hundred weight of flour.

The Indians have undertaken to furnish vanison of all kinds at moderate Rates as they are Scarce of Ammunition, that will last till March, I hope we shall be able to make it out till Spring, they say we could Send Batteaux to presq'Isle towards the latter end of March, if there were Provisions there. It will be necessary to send us a Supply of Ammunition from Pittsburh how soon it can be done. we have only now eight hundred weight of Powder in ~~after~~ Store after sending off, all the Partys. Major ~~have had~~ Rogers People have great demands for every Thing, indeed they have left me quite bare. The Major is Sett out for Michillimakinac to bring away the Garrison. in our situation it was impossible to send a Garrison. If he passes the bay of Saguinaw before the Frost overtakes him he may get there, if not, he will be oblidged to return.

The Commandant of Michillimakinac they say is gone with his small garrison, to winter with the Indians, for want of Provisions, he only has a few Soldiers.

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Lieut Butler of the Rangers is gone to take off the Garrisons of Miamis and Otuiatanon, as Mr. Butler Speaks french and seems very Intelligent, he has got orders to Maintain the Post of Miamis if it be possible with a few Men during the winter. It is of greatest Importance to this Place. it is at the head of the Miamis and from that there is a Carrying Place of nine Miles into the waters of Cubache, and it would prevent a Surprize in the Spring We have given Mr Butler a good Quantity of Ammunition and some Indian Goods.

I refer you to Captain Crochan for our Indian Affairs I shall have a great Trouble in that Department. The French have a different manner treating them from us. The four Nattions that live in the Environs of Detroit, are as much under the Commandant, as the Inhabitants, and come for every Thing they want. I have told my situation to General Monkton, I have nothing to give them and French left us very little in their Stores only meer Trifles indeed they left us five hundred weight of good Powder, which was more than I expected. You should ~~Traders at~~ encourage Traders from Pittsburgh as much as possible this winter, we cannot prevail on the People to goe there with their horses, they are only acquainted with traveling in Canoes.

The Fort is very large and in good repair, there are two Bastions towards the water, and a Large flat Bastion towards the Land in the point of the Bastion is a Cavalier of wood ~~which~~ on which there are mounted three three pounders and three small Mortars, or Coehorns

The Palisadoes are in good order. There is a Scaffolding round the whole, which is only floored towards the land for want of Plank, it is by way of a Banket

There are Seventy or eighty houses in the Fort laid out in Regular Streets. The Country is inhabitated ten Miles on each side of the River, and is a most Beautifull Country, the River is here about nine hundred yards over and very deep, and every Thing in great Plenty before this last year.

They have granted every Thing I have desired of them in Quartering our Troops, I have put them on the same footing as in our Collonies, I must tell you I have not ~~one~~ had one Complaint

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against our Soldiers Since we have been here, noe Turn that is the Reason.

There are Salt Pitts here if we had Kettles we could could make much as would Serve this Garrison, and the upper Posts, with very little Trouble.

A Small Post at the litle lake or Sandushy, would be of great use for the Communication with Pittsburgh. it is only Thirty Leagues from this, and they can goe from this to that all the winter; but to goe round by land the One end of the Lake ~~head~~ is very bad road for horses in winter.

It will be Necessary to send an Express with my Letters to General Monkton, and if he is gone on any other Service to Send it to General Amherst, if you could send us any Bullocks, but I am affraid it is too late in the Season, but the Ammunition is absolutely Necessary, and nixt to that goods for the Indians I shall be glad to hear from you how soon it is possible, I shall able to give more Itellegence about the Country in a short time I have not had time to ~~coverse~~ converse with the Inhabitants, Lons le Commandant est un Personne de Consequence, plus que un de Nos Governeurs de Provinces, pray how doe like Mr Belletre he was very Sorry to leave this Place, I doe not wonder of it. I beg you would remember as

I am with the greatest Respect
your most obedient humble Servant

DONALD CAMPBELL

Detroit Decembr 11th 1760

We shall want our pay duely as our Money goes here, and the People are pleased with it.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Captain Donald Cambell dated Detroit the 11th December 1760 Receiv'd by Mr Croghan the 8th Jany 1761

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CAPT. WOODWARD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 301, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, Dec. 14, 1760.]

Sir

The Day before I had the Honor of receiving Your Last; I had conformable to Your prior Orders, sent off twenty one Bushells of Corn, and forty Bushells of Oats. I sent after them but the Express, cou'd not overtake them I shall send no more up nor impress any Horses without Your Orders

I am Sir W^t great Respect
Your most obedient Humble Servant

[H] WOODWARD

Ligonier Decr 14th 1760

[Endorsed] Capt Woodward Decr 14th 1760

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ENSIGN JOHN CHRISTIE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 306, A. L. S.]

[Presque Isle, Dec. 15, 1760.]

Sir.

I Came hear the forteeth of Decr with a Detachment of thirty men, And found Lieu^t Dangerfield of the Virg^a Reg^t Garissoning this place. after Consulting together We thought it best for the

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Service, for he and his Detachment to march down to Venango not having a Sufficent Quantity of Provisions Agreeable to your Instructions, As You'll See by the InClos'd.

The State of this Garrison Under my Command is, Two Serj:ts one Corp:l & thirty private, And a Women, and three Rangers that was left sick.

I am Sir
Your Most humble Servant

JOHN CHRISTIE

PrisquIsle 15.th Dec:r 1760

[Endorsed] Ens:n Christie 15.th Dec:r 1760

[Addressed] On His Majestys Service To Coll:o Henry Boquet Command:g at Fort Pitt

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CAPT. S. MILES TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 308, A. L. S.]

Dec:r 16.th 1760. Vinango.

Sir,

I Left Presqu Isle the 12.th and arriv'd here yesterday.

I came by water from La Beaff, with all the garrison of Presqu Isle, Except a corporal and five men, who are coming by Land. Mr Zwinglias is not yet arriv'd ~~by~~ but will be here some time to day, and tomorrow I hope to set off with all the Men of Both garrison's by water, as I have got a Cannoe from Mr Withy a suttler.

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I have not heard any thing from the Party sent to Niagara, but as the have had several days good weather before ye I come away, I imagine the are at Presqu'Isle before now.

I am Sir
Your Most Humble and obed.t Serv.t

S: MILES

To Col.l Henry Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Captain Miles
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MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 309, A. L. S.]

Venango Decem.r 17.th 1760.

Sir.

I yesterday wrote you fully by Ensign Ensloe since which Mr Zwenley with his Command got here he left 2455lb Flour at LeBeeuf, Inclosd is a Return of Provisions & Stores at this place, the Beef that came up with Capt Buckner is not fit to eat however I would not have it Condemn'd till a Sufficiency of Better provisions are laid in.

I beg you will be pleasd to let me know as Soon as possible what you would have done or attempted in case the Batteaux that went from here the 11th for LeBeeuf should be frose up, before they can get near that Post, which is highly Probable, for in that Event, there is no place near the Creek to Lodge the Provisions nor no possibility of getting Horses to Transport it. There is yet no Acc.t of the Barge or the Batteaux with her, nor is Mr Dangerfields

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Express arriv'd with the Returns of Stores & Prov.s at the upper Posts, but Capt. Miles & Mr. Zwinley can give you exact Returns of what were there when they came away.

Its now beyond doubt that if the orders you last favourd me with are to be Executed previously to my Return to Fort Pitt, that I will be here all the Winter, & if you intended they should be understood so, beg you will be so good as to allow Capt. McNeill to attempt sending up a few Virginians with a little Liquor &c.a being destitute of everything, the Causes of w.ch I will not again Mention to you

I am with great Respect
Sir
Your most Obed.t & Most hble Serv.t

ROBERT STEWART

P S Since writing the above an express from Lt Dangerfield brought the Inclosd returns, Capt. Stevens & the Batteaux had not this morning reachd Custologos Town by 5 Miles

R S.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart 17th December 1760

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ENSIGN PHILIP LOVE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 311, A. L. S.]

[Le Boeuf, Dec. 17, 1760.]

Sir

I have thought it proper to send you a Return of the Provisions in Store at this Garrison, also a Return of the strength

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of the Garrison, by which you will be able to judge how long we may be subsisted, on the Provisions that are now here.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient & Most Hum.e Serv.t

PHI.p LOVE

LeBeuef Decem.r 17th 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Ens.n Love's Letter 17th Dec.r 1760

[Addressed] On his Majesties Service To Henry Boquett Esq.r Col.n of the R: A: M: R: or Officer Commanding at Fort Pitt

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GEORGE KERR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 314, A. L. S.]

[Fort Pitt, Dec. 20, 1760.]

Hon.d Sir

Seeing I am Still Keept in this miserable Condition, without any answers to my earnest requests, for Information, annent the cause of my confinement, And remain Deprived of such necessarys which are absolutely wanted to suport human nature, seeing they are absolutly necessary, Against the inclemency of the season, and remain ignorant of any times being assigned for my being Delivered up to the law, gives cause to this. At same time, would Beg it should be considered that although many vicious aspersions has been

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malicously laid against me, Yet when I was had before a Court of inquirie nothing could be found against me, and in particular that I should have had a considerable sum of mony, which by the evidence that was brought and the mony found in the store was confuted. But setting aside Doncastles common way of falsly accusing many, and even the probability of my Inocence /of which I can Deduce more substancial proof/ may I be allowed to ask, if it is consistent with the articles of war; viz:t The 23 A 14 S, 1 A 11 S, or the 5.th A of [9] S: That I am thus confined seeing A Sherriff cannot arrest a person out of his District nor even in it unless proper steps were taken agreeable to My Case. And whereas it it necessary I Should acquaint my friends seeing I am not noticed that they may take such methods as may be most effectual for my Delivery from Such misery.

As my adversary (boasts &) vaunts that he has Got me here and here I Shall remain.

But shall I be Deprived of life by being Deprived of Liberty the only enjoyment (without cause) I hope your honour will not Deprive me of life by Depriving me of my liberty Seeing you profess a religion corroberated with Justice Equity Charity & mercy. In my present condition I am left a Butt to my enemy, and a Scoff to the meanest Soldier, But it would appear, that Distraction is only left to bury my thoughts in oblivion, or that Death must seize me and put a final period to all my woes. But I remain perswaded of the Sincerity of your honrs Desire to doe Justice, And am

Hon:d Sir
your most obedient & Most humble Servt

GEORGE KERR

Fort Pitt 20:th Dec.r 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Geo: Kerr 20:th Decr

[Addressed] To Coll Henry Bouquet

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MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 315, A. L. S.]

Venango December 20th 1760.

Sir.

On the 17th Inst. I by Capt. Miles transmitted you Returns of the Provisions at the upper Posts and this place, On the 18th at night I received an Express from Capt. Stephens informing me that he had with great difficulty got the Batteaux within 5 Miles of Custologos Town where he was stoped by Ice and the rapidity of the Current and that he was afraid the Creek would be stoped up. Tho I was firmly perswaded that it became absolutely necessary to order the Batteaux back to this place as we cannot at this Season hope for any Weather except Rain yt will open the Creek and that any Rain that would destroy the Ice would disolve the Snow which must Swell the Creek so as to render its Navigation impracticable & whenever that happens it will very probably be again Frose up yet as I had no orders how to Act under these Circumstances I thought it prudent to consult the few Officers here and Inclose you a minute of our Opinion thereon which I hope will meet with Your approbation for the reasons therein contain'd, But as the exigency of the Service would not permit waiting for your orders I did what I thought was for the best and sent Orders to Capt. Stephens to bring the Batteaux back to this place which I wish he may be able to do.

As its now impossible to forward anything to LeBeeuf by Water and tho their appears no prospect of procuring any Horses from the Indians our incessant endeavours being Constantly frustrated by their obstinacy yet that no Expedient might remain unessay'd I have sent Mr Hutchins the Indian Agent to their Towns with Instructions to offer high rewards for Carrying Provisions & Stores from hence upwards but I have little reason to hope for his success nor can I conceive their is now any other alternative left than diminishing these Garrisons agreeable to what you thought off when here or trusting to what is very improbable & at best precarious vizt more favourable Weather however I sincerly wish I may be mistaken.

Last night the Barge & the 2d Division of the Batteaux arrivd Inclosd is an exact Return of what they brought up which

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youll observe there is a Deficiency of Provisions & Whiskey [.... . . . .] The Royal American Serjt (who seems to be a Carefull Man) says the Provision was Servd out to the Party to Complete them till this day and that he has reason to suspect one Man for embazling the Whiskey which is not only deficient in Quantity but so bad in Quality that it must be adulterated there was likewise 3 1/2 Gallons that belonged to Capt Buckners Party Stole, there is a Pair of Hinges wanting & none come up Large enough for the Gate. what Nails were here when Mr Bassett went down have been us'd in laying some of the Floors, making Sentry Boxes and mending the Barrells in which we packed the Beeff and as the want of Doors in this Severe Weather is extremely disagreeable. I beg you will be pleasd to order us a few Nails to put them up and could a little Pitch, Oakum & Chaulking Iron be sent up to stop some Leakes in the Batteaux it would be of great Service. We have here no light but the little that comes thro the Loop holes which at the same Conveys to us a cold piercing wind, would therefore be extremely glad to receive your liberty for making a small Window in each of the Officers Barracks which could not affect the Defence of the House.

As its now most certain that your orders relative to the upper Posts, cannot be executed before the Spring and consequently that I must remain here all the Winter under very disagreeable Circumstances I beg leave to assure You that my disappointment in not going down, or having time to provide for the Winter at a place where nothing can be procurd will not in the smallest Degree abate my endeavours to Execute your Orders, On the Contrary could the ardency of my desires to promote the good of the Service in which I have the Honour to be [. . .] receive any Addition it would be to shew by this Trial how much I prefer its Interest to any Private Views and you may Assuredly depend that my best endeavours will be constantly exerted in pursuing every probable measure of supplying the upper Posts and on punctually executing every part of the Orders I have or may receive.

The Party that Marchd from hence the 9th Inst with Bullocks for the upper Post are Just returnd and are all but 3 Frost Bitten two of the Party were left ill on the road 20 Miles on this side LeBeeuf but, as they must ere now be got back to that Post or Dead it will be in vain to send in quest of them, one of the Bullocks Died the 3d day after they left this, another lay down 5 Miles on this side LeBeeuf which was killd & got in there, I hope there are

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Hogs coming up, for as every thing is now immur'd in frost & Snow Bullocks cannot be drove any great distance without Suffering so much as to render them unfit to Eat, I am

with Great Esteem & Respect
Sir
your most Obed.t & Most hble Serv.t

ROBERT STEWART

P S Since writing the above a Man Detached from the Party Escorting the Bullocks brought me your Favour of the 11.th and as the Bullocks must be here this afternoon I will send them off for the upper Posts early to morrow under the Escort of a Party from this Garrison by which I will transmitt your orders relative to Returns &C.a to the Officers Commanding at these Posts and in every Particular /That the Weather will Permitt/ literally follow the other Orders therein Contain'd, as we may have occasion to send frequent Parties upwards in the Course of the Winter and that every Party will expect the same Reward, the Party which Marches with the Bullocks tomorrow is to receive I only offered 50/ to any Corporal & 9 that would voluntarily go which was readily accepted off

I fear that M.r Pollock will not get up by Water with the Indian Money, however they now seem to place some dependance on our Promises for no less than one Thousand Weight of Venison was brought in this afternoon.

My troubling you about my going down the Country proceeded from a Paragraph in a Letter Major Gates wrote me from Legonier the 29th of Octob.r but as the General has mention'd nothing about it I would not have thought of applying for Liberty to go down even was I at Pittsburgh, I therefore hope youll be so good as to excuse the Trouble I have given you about what I never would have mentiond had I not receiv'd that Letter.

R S.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart
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MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 317, A. L. S.]

Venango Decr 21st 1760.

Sir.

The Serj^{t} who came up with the Bullock's omitted to deliver your very obliging & most Polite favour of the 13th Ins^{t} till after I sent off mine of Yesterdays date.

I this forenoon sent off the 30 Bullocks with a Corp^{l} & 9 Virginians & the 2 Drovers who brought up 2 Horses which I impressd and loaded with Salt for LeBeeuf where there is none I likewise took Capt Buckners own Horse into the Service & sent them up with Amunition and as I have ordered Forrage for these Horses I flatter myself they will git up with these Stores so much wanted at LeBeeuf

The number of Indians that came here Yesterday and this Day with Venison prevented Mr Hutchins from going to the Indian Town but he will set out in a Day or two & will spare no pains in endeavouring to recover Your Horse.

Capt Stephens is returnd with the Batteaux and as there is no probability of his getting up the Creek & his Men on such high Wages I send him down with all his Party & have detain'd 6 Batteaux here which Capt Buckner will Man from this Garrison & push up the Creek with Provisions the first favourable Opportunity

We have received 1218^{lb} of Venison since Yesterday morning & expects more tomorrow.

Whenever I can get affairs here Settled I will return to Pittsburgh & in a few Days I hope to have the great pleasure of delivering you my most hearty Thanks for the extreme Genteel manner in which you have been pleasd to mention me to the General who has with the most engaging Politeness laid me under particular obligations to him.

Lieu^{t} Dangerfield & his Command arrived here from Presque-Isle as is Ensign Irwine wth part of his Pensylvanians he had at Niagara, the rest will be in to morrow & will send them down when ever they arrive, in Batteaux I have detain'd for that purpose, these Parties sufferd much by the oversetting of a Canoe in which

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they attempted to Cross a Creek. Mr Irwine lost his Baggage in which was a packett of Letters for the General or you. the Virginians lost a Drum 4 Stand of Arms & most of their Blankets & other Baggage, Ens Christie with 5 Royal Americans & 3 Rangers are at PresquIsle. the want of Batteaux prevented Capt Cochrane & the rest of his Command from coming & the small Quantity of Provs at PresquIsle of which you have Inclosed a return was the Cause of Mr Dangerfields Return here he says the Road from PresquIsle to LeBeeuf is horrible beyond Description, on Acct of the Inclosd Returns I sent an Express to the Party with the Bullocks with orders to Mr Love to send only 12 Bullocks to PresquIsle & the Scarcity of Salt at LeBeeuf is the reason I did not give directions for all the Bullocks to be kept there.

I am with great Esteem & Respect
Sir
Your most Obedt & Most hble Servt

ROBERT STEWART

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Stewart
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THOMAS COLHOON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 319, A. L. S.]

[Fort Pitt, Dec. 22, 1760.]

Sir

I Examined the Contents of Your Instructions and am Perswaded it will not be in my power to Perform them, as I am told it is impossible to Proceed to Detroit with any Carriage at this Season and am likewise Informed if I stop at Sandusqua, it will not be in my Power to make the Indians Sensible of my Instructions, and that if I Refuse to Sell to them the will take my Goods from me by force and pay for them what is their Pleasure. So as it is my Desire to

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Obey Your Orders Punctually I think it must be Imprudent to Ingage in anything That I cannot Expect to Perform. But if Your Honour Please to Consider that I have been at a Considerable Expence (Since you gave me leave,) in Preparing for the Journey, and Will Allow me liberty to Trade Under any Other Resonable Restricktions that may be thought Necessary to lay Upon me Before I Set out I will carefully Observe them and it will much Oblidge.

Sir
Your Very Humble Servant

THOMAS COLHOON

Fort Pitt December 22d 1760

To Colonel Henry Bouquet Esqr.

[Endorsed] Mr Cohown's Answer to the Permit

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LIEUT. THOMAS HUTCHINS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 320, A. L. S.]

Venango 22nd December 1760

Honour'd Sir,

After acknowledging the Receipt of your favour, I with Pleasure embrace this Opportunity to Return you my Hearty thanks for the Expressions of kindness it Contain'd, but more especially for the Return you were pleas'd to make me for the Attempts I had made to procure Indian Horses.

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I must acknowledge that my endeavours ~~did~~ had not its desired Effect, but not at all to my Surprise, as the people I had to deal with make Interest their Chief Aim, and in my Opinion as often as they imagine our proposals will advantage them, so often we may expect their Assistance.

Notwithstanding I shall make it my Business to propose to them every Prudent Method that I can Conceive may have the least Tendency, not only to Serve our Present Necessities here; but to engage them for the Good of His Majesty's General Interest hereafter.

Major Stewart who has Contributed every thing in his power to make my Department easey and to engage the Indians to Serve us; Is pleased to permit me to go to Custologas Town to endeavour to get Indian Horses, At which place I shall make a particular enquiry for your Black Horse, and if I can learn that he is within fifty Miles of that Place I shan't Return until I get him.

All the Good news I am able to Return you for the Accounts of Capt.ns Atlie and Claphams Safety is, that the Indians begin to bring in Meat pretty fast, Since the day before yesterday I weighed upwards of Fifteen Hundred Weight.

The favour you did me in allowing my Stores to be put in the Battoe is not in my Power to Return.

The Plans I formerly Mentioned Shall be forwarded as soon as they are done by

Sir,
Your Most Oblig'd Humble Servant

THO: HUTCHINS.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from M.r Hutchins 22.d Dec.r 1760

[Addressed] To Colonel Henry Bouquet Commanding His Majesty's Troops at Fort Pitt

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CAPT. DONALD CAMPBELL TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 322, A. L. S.]

[December 23, 1760.]

Sir

I wrote you very fully, by Capt Crochan, I now refer you to Major Rogers, and Mr Brame who will give a Satisfactory Account of every Thing. I hope to be able to Support the Detachment tolerably well this winter, by Mr Navarres Assistance, who does all in his Power to Serve us. We must make the best of it. I tought of Sending back part of the Detachment to Fort Pitt, but for Several reasons I have dropt that Opinion.

The Indians here are in ~~the~~ great distress for want of Ammunition. I have had two of the Tribes that depends on Michillimakinac, that come at a great distance, ~~that~~ they were absolutely Starving, as their whole Subsistance depends on it, I was oblidged to give them what I could Spare, I expect them from all Quarters, (God knows what I shall doe to Satisfy them,). All That you can doe for me this winter, is to send me as much Ammunition, as can be Spared. Capt Crochan knows how far it is practicable and a litle Salt if it can be done.

I am with the greatest Respect
Your Most obedient humble Servant

DONALD CAMPBELL

P: S I beg I may hear from you as soon as possible

I have inclosed two returns if you think it is proper to send one of them to the Generals

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Capt Cambell
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MAJOR ROBERT STEWART TO CAPT. MORDECAI BUCKNER

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 324, C.]

Venango Decr 23^{d} 1760.

A Copy.

Sir.

You will please (upon my setting off) to take upon you the Command of this post agreeable to Col^{o} Bouquets orders of the 1st Ins^{t} which you are punctually to obey

And as by them you are Instructed to use you best endeavours in supplying LeBeeuf and Presqu'Isle with Provisions and Amunition effecting that necessary Service must be the constant object of your care & attention, to facilitate your endeavours therein you have Six Batteaux left here which you will Mann from your Garrison and send them up French Creek to LeBeeuf with Flour, Salt &C^{a} and the first favourable Weather that happens,

And you will order some Whiskey to the Party you send with them, & likewise to such other Party's as you may send Up by Land in the Course of the Winter and as the Convoys of Provisions you may send up will be of importance to the Service you will be carefull in making a proper choice of those persons to whom you may Commit them.

You will please encourage the Indians to bring in Venison to be paid for at 2^{d} p lb Pensylvania Currency for which Service Mr John Pullock brings up 50 £ and more will soon be sent by Col^{o} Bouquet but as the Indians cannot Sign Receipts an Officer must be present when they are paid & to Sign a Certificate & as the Hunting Season will soon be over you may then probably be able to prevail upon the Indians to hire their Horses to carry Flour &C^{a} to the upper Posts, which is to be done if possible this you will do upon the best Terms you can.

The Difficulty in getting up more Provisions from Fort Pitt are become so great as to leave no room to hope for a further supply from thence this Winter hence the necessity of using them with

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frugality & Oconomy is evident. You will therefor please to examine all Provision Returns and give orders that no Provisions are Issued but by Returns signd by you. Many of the Indians will Tease you for Flour & Salt But you will let them know & will direct the Indian agent to acquaint all of them that the Scarcity here and the difficulty of getting more puts it out of your Power to give any only to such as bring in Venison or to such of them as you may otherwise have occasion to employ and that their coming here for their own benefit and Conveniency to trade with people who have no connextion with the Service does not entitle them to His Majes[tys] Provisions; as great numbers of them come here you must expect some trouble from them to avoid which (as much as possible) and to conduct your self in such a manner as to give least umbrage I (from the little knowledge I have acqured of them) conceive that a steady uniform behaviour towards them w.re best; neither to be austere which would give offence & might be of Prejudice to the Service nor too ready to grant their requests, which are often unreasonable and always encreased when easily complied with. When the good of the Service renders it necessary to employ any of them (which ought never to be done when it can be carried on by any other Means) (You should) you should endeavour to shew them that it is as much their Interest as ours to do what may be desir'd of them, and never to appear anxious about it, which would certainly prevent their undertaking it without the most exorbitant Reward & above all things never to Promise the most trivial thing but what you can certainly perform, should you get any of their Horses you will allow them a little Forrage while you have any.

You will Please not only to have the greatest care taken of your Provisions but likewise of your Amunition, Tools & Stores of every kind of which and the Strength of Your Garrison you will make Returns from the 24th Day of each Month to the Commanding Officer at Fort Pitt.

Your knowledge off, and Experience in the Service makes it unnecessary for me to Recommend your constantly maintaining good order and strict Discipline which can alone constitute good Men & without which the Service cannot be properly carried on.

The use of Salt Meat and the want of Vegitables will too probably introduce the Scurvy into your Garrison, the prevention

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of so great an Evil cannot be too closely attended to, and from what other Garrisons under similar Circumstances have experienced, I am fully perswaded, that constant & even Severe Exercise is the most Efficacious Antiscorbutick, you will therefore Please keep your Garrison in constant Exercise & that it may mutually tend to the preservation of their Health and the good of the Service, youll Please keep all off Guard (when the Weather will permit) employd in extending your Glacis at least to the Pickets I have ordered to be drove for your Direction in compleating that necessary Work, should the Men think it hard to Work without Pay, youll let them know that the Surgeon thinks it indispensably necessary for the preservation of their Lives, and when the Frost renders their working in the Ground impracticable, You will employ that time in perfecting them in the Manual Exercise & such of the Evolutions as can be perform'd by your Numbers and at times practice them in firing at Marks which will be of great use in the course of the Service in which they will probably be be imploy'd next Campaign & with proper Care aded to their former experience it will not be difficult to bring them to great Perfection in that perhaps essential knowledge.

If in the Course of your Command anything should occur about which you have no Instructions and its exigency will not give you time to apply to Col° Bouquet for orders then Your own prudence and the advice of your Officers must guide you in the prosecution of such Measures as will be most conducive to the Interest of His Majestys Service

I very sincerely wish you an agreeable Command and am

Sir
Your most Obed.t hble Serv.t

ROBERT STEWART

To Cap.t Lieu.t Nordicai Buckner at Venango}

[Endorsed] A Copy of Instructions left with Cap.t Buckner of the Virginia Regiment. Venango Dec.r 23.d 1760

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LIEUT. JAMES RALFE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 326, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, Dec. 23, 1760.]

Sir/

I take this Oportunity of troubling you, at the Same time desiring your interest to obtain leave for me to sell out which I am informed cannot be done without Your Writing to Gen.l Arherst. It is not through any Dislike to the Service I request this and believe when You relate my reason to the General neither You or him will have the least objections.

My Father has been dead ever since the Second of June 1758 and I never was informed of the Certainty of it till this Campaign tho' my Fathers Executors say they have often Wrote, and I suppose should not have heard now had I not drawn on my Father which Bill came to the Extor's hands and then they informed me of his Death and said they had Money in their Hands to a Considerable Value and were selling off his Estates but never said to what use they had imployed what they then had or what they intended to do hereafter.

Now Sir I submit to your better Judgment whether it is not a Duty incumbent on me to see myself my Brother (who is an officer and now in Germany) and my Sister, both under Age, and no person to Assist them done Justice to and I dare say was I not to be shortly at home we should be all great Sufferers I must acknowledge Sir this is giving you great Trouble but I have no other person to apply to therefore hope you will Excuse it and by informing me of Your Sentiments You will Entirely Oblige

Sir/
You.r Most Obed.t Hble Serv.t
JA.s RALFE

Ligonier 23.d Dec.r 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut. Ralfe 23.d Dec.r 1760

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet Commanding his Majestys Troops at Fort Pitt.

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ENSIGN JAMES GORRELL TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 328, A. L. S.]

[Fort Detroit, Dec. 23, 1760.]

Sir

As Major Rogers has promised me he will lodge Cash for my Account, to Purchase a Lieutenancy for me in the hands of Mr Nicolson in Market Street Philadelphia, And As I am at so great a Distance must beg the favour of you in case no Older Ensign than me will purchase that you will call at Mr Nicolson for the Money Who shall have my Orders to Advance the Money upon Your Order, I hope my being here will be no hinderance to my preferment in Case it comes to my Turn to purchase I am most Respectfully

Sir
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

JAs GORRELL Ensign
1st B: R: A: Regt

Fort Detroit 23d December 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Ensn Gorell 23d Decr 1760

[Addressed] To Colonel Henry Bouquet Esqr at Fort Pitt

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JOSEPH GALBRAITH TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 329, A. L. S.]

Venango December 23d 1760

Honble Sir

I am Sorry to Inform You that Major Stewart of the Virginia Regiment has fallen out with me Beyond all Hopes of a Reconciliation Altho' I have made all the Concessions in my Power. As I have always Acted on the Rules of Justice & Honesty I think it very hard to be Accused in the Manner I am; Your Honour thought Proper to Employ me Last year to Inspect the Provisions brot from Virginia to Cumberland In the Execution of which if I was not too Severe I was not any thing Lenitive I don't Know that Major Stewart would be mean Enough to owe me Spite on that Acco.t but Whatever it is he has Certainly Conceived an Irreconcilable Hatred to me. 'Tis True, I Scorn to Lye, I have been [at] Times a Little Negligent in my Bussiness but do Sincerely promise to do so no more. Major Stewart has Left me Pretty near thirty Pound Sterlings worth of Returns to Pay for, which is more than all my wages.

Dr Sir out of your wonted Good Nature please to write to the Commandg officer here to Sign those Vouchers Remaing & please to Consider I have Told you the Naked Truth as I am Assured a Gentleman of Your Penetration would Soon find it out

As Major Stewart Intends me all the Mischief he Possibly Can I must Implore Your Intercession, & Suffer me not a Young fellow with a family Depending to be Ruined, which I am Sensible he will do if in His Power. this is the first time I Ever was a Supplicant and hope you will forgive the unwillfull Errors of

Your most Obed.t Serv.t

JOS GALBRAITH

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Mr Gailbreath 23d Decr 1760

[Addressed] To Collonel Bouquet Deputy Adjutant General Fort Pitt p favour of Major Stewart}

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EUSTACHE GAMELIN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 331, A. L. S.]

[Detroit, Dec. 23, 1760.]

Monsieur

Vous mavés Comblé de vos bienfaits Jene le puis assé publier; ma famille Sçait Combien Je vous dois, et elle S'entretiendra avec Joië dans le précieux souvenir de votre Nom de telle Sorte, Monsieur, que la reconnoissance que Nous vous devons lequel nous vous, Jurons se perpetuera degeneration en generation.

Je ne dois pas ober Etre de vous dire que Monsieur Camell ine donne chaque jour des marques de sa bonté; C'est un Commandant dont les grandes qualités vous sont Connüe, ill fait aujour'huy l'ornement et le bonheur du Detroit et je puis dire qu'll Est aimé et respecté detous ceux qui habitent ce Pais il en Est de meme detous les officiers deson corps, chacun S'empresse de repondre a leurs Politesses par lobeissance quils ineritent.

Monsieur Rogers et Sa Suite retournent a leur province nous sommes confus detous les bons traitements qu'on nous a faits, et Si le Detroit netoit pas denué Et même ruiné Comme vous le pouvres savoir Ces messieurs. auroient trouvés dans les coeurs tout ce que la reconnaissance et le zêle Exige.

Agreez, Monsieur, pour aujourd'huy nos foibles, mais sinceres remerciements; le tems nous aidera avous donner des preuves de notre fidelité et de notre zele En mon Particulier Je ne cesseray detre avec le respect le plus profond

Monsieur
Votre tres humble et tres obeissant serviteur

EUSTACHE GAMELIN

au detroit le 23.e X.bre 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Capt. Gamelin's 23.d Dec.r 1760

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[TRANSLATION]

[Detroit, Dec. 23, 1760.]

Sir:

You have overwhelmed me with your favors. I cannot talk about it enough. My family is aware of how much I am indebted to you and will cherish with gladness the sweet recollection of your name, in such a way, Sir, that our gratitude to you, we vow, will be perpetuated from generation to generation.

I must not forget to tell you that Mr. Camelline shows daily proofs of his kindness. He is a commander whose splendid qualities are well known to you. Today he is the pride and joy of Detroit and I can say that he is loved and respected by all those living in this country. It is the same with all the officers of his corps. Everyone is eager to respond to their civilities with inherent obedience.

Mr. Rogers and his party returned to their province. We are abashed by all the good treatment they have given us; and if Detroit were destitute and even destroyed, as you must be aware, these gentlemen will have found in their hearts everything that gratitude and enthusiasm require.

Kindly accept for the present, Sir, our poor but sincere thanks. Time will help us to prove our loyalty and our zeal. I, in particular, shall never cease to be with profound respect,

Sir,
Your most humble and most obedient servant,

EUSTACHE GAMELIN

Detroit, December 23, 1760.

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SERG. ANGUS M^c^DONALD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 333, A. L. S.]

Fort Burd Decemb^r^ the 24th 1760

Sir

I am Greatly Concernd for the forrage being Embazel^d^ in in going Down But I hope your honour will not Compute it to my neglect for the Bags was very Bad and Rotten But the Corn has held out I have sent 176 Bushalls of Corn and 135 Bushalls of Oates which is agreeable to the Recep^t^ I gave all but 7 Bushalls of Oates Col^o^ Stephen gave me an order for here is Corn Belonging to Mr Steenburgen which I had orders not to tutch without your orders and flour belonging to Mr Christee which is in very Bad order if I am to take any Care of them your will let me Know or if I may buy any forrage that may Come to this Post your honour may Depend on my Care and Diligence to merrit your Good Recommandations I have sent Mr Clark the Serj^ts^ Recept of the above forrage

I am your
Hon^rs^ Humble Servant

ANGUS M^c^DONALD

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Serjeant M^c^Donald
24.th December 1760

[Addressed] To Col^o^: Henry Bouquet at Fort Pitt

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GEORGE KERR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 336, A. L. S.]

Fort Pitt Xmess day 1760

Hon:d Sir

I received no dinner yesterday, and was soused not three days ago, at same time would observe it is not regularly sent me having it of late commonly after Gun firing. As the ordors will Show I have already answered here all civil matters ~~only~~. I therefore would desire that I might have a coppy of those ordors and if Doncastle accuses me of any misdemeanour in that way I humbly beg I may have a proper hearing here to clear my character, as it cannot be, that the General could confine me for what I have already under gone trial, Seeing no apeal was made, And that your honour may Know of what Disposition Doncastle is he now boasts that I shall be Sent down to Maryland (where I have no friends nor evidences) where he brags the laws prescribe that a prisoner Shall be Sold out of Jail for their fees, this I can prove at this place, And when its duely considered what I have Said above and that I came from Virginia where the Deposition was taken against me I insist to be delivered up to the laws of virg:a And hope your honour will acknowledge my request to be just. I received nothing of the necessarys or information I wrote for ~~by~~ but two blankets I am with all Submission offering the compliments of the Season

Hon:d Sir
Your most Obedt & Humble Servt

GEORGE KERR

[Addressed] To Coll Henry Bouquet

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CAPT. MORDECAI BUCKNER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 337, A. L. S.]

Venango Decemb^r 25: 1760

Sir

Yours of the 20th instant I reciev^d last night, and agreeable to your orders, have forwarded the orders relative to the upper posts p^r express, to the Officers cumanding those posts.

As to throwing in provissions at the upper posts, by the assistance of the Indean Horses, is just now impossable, as this is the time they are hunting, & carriing home there skins, & Meat they will by no means spare there Horses; but on your pressing so hard, on imploying them to carry flower to the upper Posts, I last Night agreed to give an Indean 45 Shill^gs, to carry to Lebeaf 350 pounds of Flower & this morning to my surprize, he sent me word, that he would carry none, for which reason, I think, little dependance can be put in them, But you may depend on my doing every thing in my power for that service. If the price I offered be too much, should be glad, you will fix a certain sum, which I am not to excede.

Your orders relative to reduceing this post to forty men including the Officers, Serj^ts, and Drum, you will find by the inclosed return of the state of the Garrison, that if I should send all the men from this post, but forty, in which number include the Officers present, Serj^ts, Drum, Sick, & those unfitt for duty occationed by being Frost bitt, which must be the case there being but little probabillity of sending them by Water, as the River is almost closed up, and, if otherways, I have no more Battoes, than what I am ordered to keep for the euse of the Garrison. for which reason, The men to be sent from this, must be those who are able to march well, by which means the Garrison will be so week, that it will not be in my power, to furnish any escorts for any provissions, or stores, of any kind, that should be sent to the upper Posts by Land. The party, I have out just now I am afraid will mostly be Frost bittin & unfit for duty by time they return, as it has been very seveare weather since they have been out.

Sir for the above reasons which I am in hopes you'l think just, I with the advice of the Officers, have refused the deduction of the Garrison till I shall receive your answer, which you may depend will be puntually cumplyed with.

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Sir I inclose you the different return[s] of this Garrison, which is p.r express, & shall be obliged to you to let me know, wheather, I shall send an express monthly for that purpose, provided no other oppertunity should should offer, & nothing extraordinary happen.

I need not add how absolutely nessesary I think it, for the Good of the service, that the prisent Comissary at this place be superseded, (by some other who I am in hopes will mind his busnes, & inable me to put more dependance in him) as Maj.r Stewart will give you his carrector in full.

I am
Sir
Your most Hble Serv.t

M: BUCKNER

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Cap.t Buckner Dec.r 25th 1760

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CAPT. WOODWARD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 338, A. L. S.]

Ligonier Dece.r 25.t 1760.

Sir

I had the Honor of receiving Yours of the 14.t Ins.t, by which I am sorry to find I was a Stranger to Your Intentions in Regard to the three Penn.a Deserters, which I had sent down before I receiv'd Your Orders about these Men, as I Inform'd You immediatly after. they went from here y.e 7.t Ins.t and I doubt not but for some Time past they have got to Carlisle. I have according to Your Orders sent the Returns of the 24.t Ins.t and wrote to Lieu.t Sumner so to do I wonder they are not here I rec.d Sir Your Note in which You forbid more Forrage You may depend upon my strict Compliance to those Orders. You surpris'd Me much in the Note I receiv'd from You (Sir) the day before Yesterday, wherein You Mention my being

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releiv'd by Vaughan's Regiment as I imagine them to be the Welch Rangers, if so I am in great Hopes, that (as they are Strangers in this Part of the World) they will be some Time, before they can find their Way to Ligonier, if not, I Learn from Winchester, I shall have at Least a March of 500 Miles this Winter; for in Virginia, it is resolv'd, those who come from this part of America, belonging to them, are to Join the Troops under the Command of Coll^{o} Byrd, and they are encampd 300 Miles from Winchester. I congratulate You Sir upon the Approach of the Present Season & wish You the Complements thereof.

I am
Sir with great Respect
Your most Obedient and Humble Servant

[H] WOODWARD

P. S. S^{r}: Mr Hamilton wrote for two Jointers, we have None at this Post.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Captain Woodward 25th Decr 1760

[Addressed] On His Majesty's Service To Colonel Bouquett Commanding his Majesty's Troops at Fort Pitt

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COL. GEORGE MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 340, A. L. S.]

[Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1760.]

My dear Colonel

I did myself the Pleasure to write you from Winchester some Time ago partly upon Business; but more especially to enquire after your Welfare, & return you my most grateful & unfeigned Thanks for your many Kindnesses, but yet I have not been favored with your Answer.

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I was much disappointed upon my Arrival here, to find you were only to be met with on the Banks of Ohio or Monongahela, as I thought you might have had as good & agreeable Quarters in Philadelphia and woud have preferred the Comand of Castle Willing to Fort Pitt: no Doubt tho you chose for the best, & your Friends must acquiesce when they consider this to be the Case, & the Loss of Col.° Bouquet's agreeable Company will be less felt by his Acquaintances when they reflect on the Occasion.

I have only been in Town two Nights, and as you know I am no Swainer, have not made a single Tea Visit yet, nor am I certain I shall, so that you cant expect any News from the Tea Tables thro Me, but I always hear the fair Creatures are as -- fair as ever.

I shall now repeat the Business I wrote you last upon. Col.° Cresap having informed some of the Members of the Ohio Company, that you woud be glad to become one of Them, they desired Me, as one of the Body, and having the Pleasure of your Acquaintance, to let you know there was a Share to be disposed of, and that Col.° Bouquet's joining Them woud be very agreeable to the whole Company. As I made no Doubt of meeting with you here I brought up all the Papers relative to the Concern in Order to let you know the Terms they held, or expect to hold, their Lands &c on. The Company have advanced £ 500 each, which will entitle you to a 20.th Part of 500,000 Acres of Land, and as they have some pretty considerable outstanding Debts from the Trade they intended to prosecute, that whole Sum will not be entirely sunk, besides there is yet some of their Money in the Hands of the Treasurer, amounting with the Debt I imagine to £ 2000 or £ 2500.

I shall be here & at New York till the Middle of February by which Time I hope a Surfeit of the Joys & Amusements of Fort Pitt will drive you here, tho you will scarcely have a Relish for the duller Pleasures of Philadelphia, after revelling in Sports & Diversions on the Ohio. if I have the Happiness to meet you I shall let you see all the Papers &c relative to the Company Business; but shoud you have an Opportunity in the mean Time, I shoud be greatly obliged if you woud dignify Me with a Letter.

A certain Mr. John Seayre Druggist here has lately been <u>kicked</u> by a Gent of the Name of Francis a Lieut. in the 44.th Regiment & Doctor Maclean <u>nosed</u> Mr. John Relfe of Phila. Merchant last Night in the Coffee House. I think these two Affairs seem to be the general Subject of Conversation, and many more Consequences have been foretold by the Mohairs from Them, than from the Death of our

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good old honest happy Monarch who it seems has been called upon to pay the comon Debt, and who died in the midst of great Glory. May his Successor live & die more so.

I begin to find out that I have spun my Letter to a tolerable Length, I hope you will receive it when you have Time to throw away if you can possibly ever destroy any, but I beg youl give Me Leave to add farther that no one more Sincerely wishes Col.º Bouquet all real Felicity than he who acknowledges himself to be

Dear Sir
Your most obedient & obliged hble Servant

G: MERCER

Philadelphia Dec 27.th 1760.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Lt Col Mercer 27.th Decr 1760

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CAPT. JAMES SINCLAIR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 342, A. L. S.]

Philadelphia the 27th Decemr 1760

Sir

We have not been able to procure a Settlement for those people whose Horses were employed to carry Provisions &c. to the uper posts, at the time Captain Campbell marched from Pittsburgh; the General objects to the immense Loss of Horses, which tho' in some measure he thinks may have been owing to the Inclemency of the Weather, and other unavoidable Accidents, yet he is of opinion, neglect in the Owners is partly the Cause, and therefore desires, you will please make the most particular Enquiry you can in relation to those Horses, how they were disposed of at the different Posts,

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and transmit to him a State thereof, that he may thereby be enabled to judge, who in justice should be paid their full Demands. It no doubt will be a very difficult matter to procure a particular State of Horses that were so much dispersed, and no one on the spot whose Business it was to keep an Account of them, yet I imagine, if nothing else can be done, your Sentiments in general upon that Subject will in a great measure determin the General how to Act.

Mr Willing's family are well. I had the pleasure of seeing them this morning, when they desired to be remembered to you in the most particular manner.

I have the honour to be with Sincerity and Respect.

Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

JAMES SINCLAIR

Col.^o Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Sinclair Decr 27th 1760

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ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 344, L. S.]

Philadelphia December 27.th 1760

Dear Colonel

I received your Favour of the 28th Ult.^o, covering An Acc.^t and Vouchers, of Advances made by Captn Sloser the last Campaign I wish I had received them but a few Days sooner. I had my Accounts

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Settled two Days before they came to Hand. But I shall endeavour to have them settled with Mr Plumsted.

I hope the Hogs will arrive before this as they sett out from Winchester the 15th. Curr.t I am sorry You are reduced in Forage but as Mr Ourrey is going to Bedford I hope he will be Able to replenish Your Store.

At last I have settled my Accounts with the former Contractors. I have had no Return of Provisions from Pittsburgh these four Weeks. I am afraid Mr Hamilton's great Capacity of rendring his Company Acceptable to Gentlemen will draw his Attention too much from my Business, ~~which~~ It is an undertaking that requires Care & constant assiduity, therefore A Man desirous of discharging it, as it ought, must not be diverted by any other Amusement. However I hope a Friendly Caution from You will be of mutual Service to him & my Self.

I heartily condole with you on the Death of His Majesty George the 2d who departed the 25th ~~Inst.~~ October. I wish George the 3d who is now proclaimed may prove as a Good a Prince As his Royal G. Father. The Greatest Fleet that has been fitted out this War, is now gone they say against Holland This News we have by a Bristol Man now in the Delaware. I wish You a Merry Christmass Sir, and a Succession of many happy New Years;

I am with great Respect
Sir
Your very humble Servt

A HOOPS

PS. The General set out yesterday for N: York. Mr Ourrey and I Sets out A Monday I will write you fully from Carlisle

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr. Hoops. Decr 27th 1760

[Addressed] on his Majestys Service To Henry Bouquet Esqr Colonel in the Royal A. Regiment at F. Pitt.

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JOHN INGLIS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 346, A. L. S.]

[Philadelphia, Dec. 29, 1760.]

Sir

The reason of giving You this trouble (which I am satisfyd You good nature enough to excuse) proceeds from my being informd, that You intend raising a breed of Horses at a plantation of Yours up the Country, and for that purpose was in want of a valuable Stone Horse.

Not to waste Your time, allow me to inform You, that I have a very fine Young Stallion a Son of a high bred English Horse I had here, well known by the name of Young Tifter. This Horse will be four or five Years old, next grass, near fifteen hands high a light chesnutt, with a full white Snip on his Face, Short bodyd, Strong joints, a handsom Small Head, and a natural trotter, partakes much of the Sires appearance; and I verily beleeve will turn out a very fine true spirited Horse, as the Dam is remarkably so, as well as the Sire

He is now with Rutherfurd at Trenton, who I am to pay twenty five pound, for compleatly Managing Him for me, and this I understand is near finish'd.

My reason for Selling Him, proceeds from no fault of His, but a fault in the constitution of my family, having no Servant capable of taking care, & keeping such a fine Horse in order, or I would keep Him for the Sadle, as I understand He trots easy, and exceedingly gentle.

If I dont get a hundred pound for Him, I shant see the money He cost me, or what I realy think He is worth, and all things considerd, I imagin such a high blooded Horse, must be as valuable to You as any Gentleman in the Country.

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I have only to beg Your answer, and to wish You the compliments of the Season, with health and happyness, in which my Girles joins & in being

Sir
Your very obed^{t} hum Servt

JOHN INGLIS

Philad^{e}: Deecem^{r} 29th 1760

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Inglis Decr 29th 1760

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ALEXANDER LUNAN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 348, A. L. S.]

Philad^{a}: 29th Decem^{r} 1760.

Dear Sir,

Your Esteemed favour of the 26. past, did not come to my hand till the Day before Yesterday: I have just time, by the bearer, to return You my thanks, and to tell you that the things You was pleased to order shal be in readiness to morrow, and shal be sent by the first Waggon, to the Care of Mr A. Hoops in Carlyle, and I hope will get to Bedford, before Mr Ourry leaves it.

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Your frinds here are all well we often remember You at the Castle, where Your acquaintance H. Shippen, her Husband, and all the Relations spent last Christmas day, when I had likewise that pleasure, as also that of drinking Your Health in a Bumper, after Dinner and Supper, and that given by the Ladys. You see how much You are remembered, not to say honoured, even at that Distance.

You'l be good enough to pardon this hasty Scrawl, Ile write You again with the things. I wish you many happy Years, and am with much respect,

Dear Sir:
Your very obligd hble Servt.

ALEXr. LUNAN.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Lunan Decr 29th 1760

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GEORGE KERR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 350, A. L. S.]

Fort Pitt 29th Decr 1760

Hond Sir

My afflictions are in a manner redoubled on me, Seeing I am Threatned in Such a manner which causes horror, As it ought to doe in every person, who professes Christianity, and Those who are intitled to honour, & even those who any ways pretends to it. And Spurn Such a wretch from them who has been capable of proposing a thing and boasting of it, which we may Say could hardly be contrived this side hell. I have Since heard that he Should have also Said that in penna they could Sell out of Jail for four years but in

(December 29, 1760)

maryland for fifty for which cause I should go to maryland and that he himself Would bid for me. which I look upon to be as much as to Say, he Shall be Sent to a Strange place, where he is not Known, and where he has no friends, & I know he has no money (tho' I pretend to the contrair) and therefore cannot doe any thing no Evidences being oblidged to come from another province and he has none there. So I'll Keep him as long as I think proper in Jail, Then Drop the cause, And then have him Sold a Slave to me. what I can recolect of Showing any book to Mr Wright, was when he was up here the time before last, Since which I had a hearing, the Books Settled and that he mentioned deliverd up, which was indeed of consequence but what I allways publickly acknowledged to be in my Custody. The truth of what I have asserted can be proved by William Neth, William Windsor & wife & others, and I am

Hon:d Sir
Your most obedient & humble Servt

GEORGE KERR

What to be proved is Doncastles Speech

[Endorsed] Geo: Kerr

(December 31, 1760)

PHILIP LOVE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 351, A. L. S.]

LeBeeuf Decemr 31st 1760

Sir

The encloasd is a Return of the Provisions at this Garrison, which I shall make to you for for the futer, from the 24th of each Month, which will be Complying with late Orders Receiv'd from Major Stewart

(December 31, 1760)

The Garrison was this day Reduc'd to 12 Rank & file Myself and Serjent, agreeable to Orders, Receiv'd from the Commanding Officer at Venango.

I must beg leave to inform you (least you should thing the Provisions, go faster than they ought) that exclusive of The Garrison, Parties Passing and Repassing (on his Majesties Service,) have Drawn Provisions here, ~~besides~~ there was also 3 of Major Rogers ~~Rangers~~ Raingers here Several days unable to Travel.

You may depend Sir (as long as you please to keep me here, which I hope wont be long) I shall see the Provisions Issue'd with the Greatest Oconomy in my Power & am

Sir
Your Most obe^{t} Hum^{l} Servt

PHI^{P} LOVE

P S the Provision, I Issue at the Rate of 7 ^{lbs}. of Flour & 8 of Beef p^{r}. Week, which I understand is the allowance p^{r}. Mann

P L

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Mr Love Le Boeuf 31st Decr 1760

[Addressed] On his Majesties Service To Coll^{n}. Henry Bouquett or Officer Command -- at Fort Pitt

(1760)

ISRAEL CHRISTIAN: CERTIFICATE OF TRADE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 219, D. S.]

[1760.]

To Brigadeer General Stanwix

Sir/

The bearer Mr Israel Christian is an Industrous trading person Situate in the County of Augusta and as he has Signified his Intention of Engaging a Quantity of Flowr for the subsistance of the Troops under your Excellencys Command We beg leave to assure your Excellency he is able to pay [~~Easily~~] the penalty of Two Thousand pounds or more in Case of Failure.

We are y^r Excellencys
Most obed^t hble Serv^ts

BERNARD MOORE

WIED^m LEACHEY

JOHN M^c NEILL

[In Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Said Mr Isr: Christian offers to deliver at Fort Burd on the Mononghehela 200,000 W^t of flour on or before the first day of October 1760:

(January 12, 1761)

LIEUT. JETHRO SUMNER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 11, A. L. S.]

2 Oclock afternoon Fort Bedford. Jany 12: 176[1]

Sir

I being Ordered to my Room By one of the Gentlemen just now Arriv^{d} here,

I hope to Major Steuart the perticulars, Who I hope will Informe Col^{o} Bouquet.

I am Sir
Y^{r} Servt

JETHRO SUMNER

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Lt Sumner 12th Jany 1761

[Addressed] On his Majestys Service To Henry Bouquet Commanding Fort Pitt.

(March 20, 1761)

CAPT. RICHARD MATHER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 88, A. L. S.]

Venango March ye 20th

Dr Sir

I reced yours of ye 15th am much obligd to you for Allowing Me to come down to Fort Pitt, which I certainly shall as soon as

Turn over

(March 20, 1761)

ever I am able, & the Weather will permitt, as I can have no Prospect of ever Recovering here, Where there is no Assistance of any Sort to be had.

I have sent upwards of 1400 Weight of Flour to Le Beauf, Hickman let Me have All his Strong able Horses, but was obligd to pay Him his price, viz 3 Gall of Rum for Each horse. Inclosd you have the best Accounts (Mr Hutchins can gett from the Indians) of French Creek.

I Rec.d the Packett sent by a Canoe about a week ago. Some Mingo Rascalls mett them & obligd Them to give 'em Flour & Rum

I have forbid the Indians bringing in any more Wild Meat, as there is suffic.t for a Month at least in Store, & as there will be some Vegetables by that Time to be had, there will be no Danger of the Salt Beef's giving the Men the Scurvey Baillie sends his Complim.ts We have both taken a Dose This Morning.

I must tell you of His taking in one Day 1/2 a Dozen Doses of physick.

My Complim.ts to All Friends
from
Your most obligd hle Serv.t

RICH.d MATHER

To Col: Bouquet.

I have sent Serj.t Colton with the Express as I have my Complim.ts of Serj.ts in order that He may confront that B-tch of a Wife He tells Me she shod have sev.l hundreds of Pounds. the Man has been almost distracted over since he heard of ~~it~~ her Behaviour Youll be so good by the first Battoo to send send up a Corporal in the Room of Saame.

[Endorsed] Cap.t Mather 20th March 1761

(June 30, 1761)

MILITIA AT FORT PITT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 62, D.]

[June 30, 1761.]

A List of the Militia of Y^e Lower Town at Fort Pitt.

Hugh Crawford Capt
Jno. Gibson Lieu^t.
Wm MacAlister Ens^n.

Serj^ts

Jo^s Graver
Jno MacDonald
Wm Colvin

Corp^ls

Hugh MacSwine
Ja^s Reed
Jo^s Robinson

Ja^s Freeman	1
Thos. Gerris	2
Jno Hart	3
Jacob Tub	4
Robt Reed	5
Wm Jonston	6
Henery Keiser	7
Wm Hamilton	8
Thos Cochran	9
Saml. Dean	10
Dennis Dougherty	11
Ed^W Cook	12
Ja^s Milligan Senr.	13
Jno. Everland	14
Wm Ramsay	15
Ja^s Breadin	16
Wm Cochran	17
M^at Haggins	18
Al^x Pinkerton	19
Jno Carter	20
Jo^s Fulton	21
Pa^t Campbell	22
Ja^s Morgan	23
Geo Elder	24
Jn^oth Plummer	25
Owen Murphy	26
Jno Robinson	27
Philip Boyle	28
E^d Graham	29
Geo. Good	30
Jno McCallister	31
Ale^x M^acSwaine	32
Thos Heaton	33
Philip Shot	34
Pa^t Gwin	35
Jno Mª Cotter	36
And. Levy	37
Jno Connor	38
Ja^s Milligan Junr	39
Jno Campbell Smith	40
Jno Owens	41
Saml Young	42
Thos Hoops	43
Jno Welsh	44
Jno McClure	45
Jno Campbell	46
Ed. St Ledger	47
Jno Pierce	48
Leon^d Young	49
Ja^s Kenny	50

Of the Above, Twenty four Want Arms, and the Whole Ammunition.
A List of the Militia of the lower Town at Fort Pitt

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] A Roll of the Company of Militia in the Lower Town Fort Pitt 30th June 1761

(1761)

MEMORANDUM: FURS LEFT AT DETROIT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 244, M.]

[1761?]

Etat des Paquet reste au detroit

Scavoir

100	paqués de chat fesant	15 milivr de peau
60	paqués de peau dours	12 Cent peaux
60	idem peau En poil	3000 peaux
50	idem peau chevreuil passer	4500 Livre
10	idem peau de cerf	100 peaux
2	idem de loutre Et peaux . . .	200 peaux

Une Maison de 40 pied Sur 30 avec Une riviere Et Ecuril pour 25 mil Livre.

Un autre Emplacement avec Maison forges Boulangery Engarre de 60 pied pour 30 mil Livre

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Pelleteris a M.r Belestre

(1761)

[TRANSLATION]

List of packages left at Detroit

Namely

100	packages of cat hides weighing	15 thousand pounds
60	packages of bear hides . . .	12 hundred hides
60	idem fur hides	3000 hides
50	idem roe-buck, cured	4500 pounds
10	idem of deer hides	100 hides
2	idem otter fur and hides . .	200 hides

A house 40 feet by 30 along the river, and stable, for 25 thousand pounds.

Another site with house, forges, bakery, and shed of 60 feet, for 30 thousand pounds.

(1761)

MEMORANDUM: ESTATE OF PIQUOTE DE BELESTRE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 245, N.]

[1761?]

Maison qui Ma partiens dans le fort des Miamis Scavoir deux Maisons pour Mil Eçue Les deux trois ditte pour douze Cent livre les trois deux Engarre pour huit Cent livre Cest maison Et angarre peuve Ce Vendre ou louer au Comercent qui Ceront Nomé Pour lexploitations du poste dautant Mieu quil Ceront a Mercier de les Seder a Ceux qui les relenveront t'el Etoit La Coutume

[no signature]

[Endorsed] Maisons de Mr Belestre

(1761)

[TRANSLATION]

[1761?]

Property I own in Fort Miamis, namely: two houses valued at a thousand crowns; secondly, three said to be worth twelve hundred pounds; thirdly, two sheds worth eight hundred pounds. There is a house and shed which can be sold or rented to the trader who will be appointed for the exploitation of the post, which is all the better because it will be up to Mercier to transfer them to those who will relieve him, as was the custom.

[no signature]

(1761)

PRICE LIST OF PELTS AT DETROIT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21845, f. 247, N.]

[1761?]

Prie des Peltery a la piesse Et Livre

Chat		30 Sol	piesse
Pichou	3#		p
renard	3#		p
ours	6#		p
Chevreuil Vers	2#	10 S	p
chevreuil parsé		31 Sol	La Livre
Loutre	6#		p
Pecand	6#	10 S	p
Cerf	10#		p
Castors	5#	5 Sol	La Livre

Voila Monsieur Les prie justo des diferante peltery qui me reste au detroit

[Endorsed] Prix des Peltery au Detroit

[TRANSLATION]

[1761?]

Price of Pelts by the piece and pound.

Lynx		30 Sols	each
"Pichou"	3#		ea.
Fox	3#		ea.
Bears	6#		ea.
Untanned roebuck	2#	10 S.	ea.
Tanned roebuck		31 Sols	per pound
Otter	6#		ea.
"Pecand"	6#	10 S.	ea.
Deer	10#		ea.
Beavers	5#	5 Sols	per pound

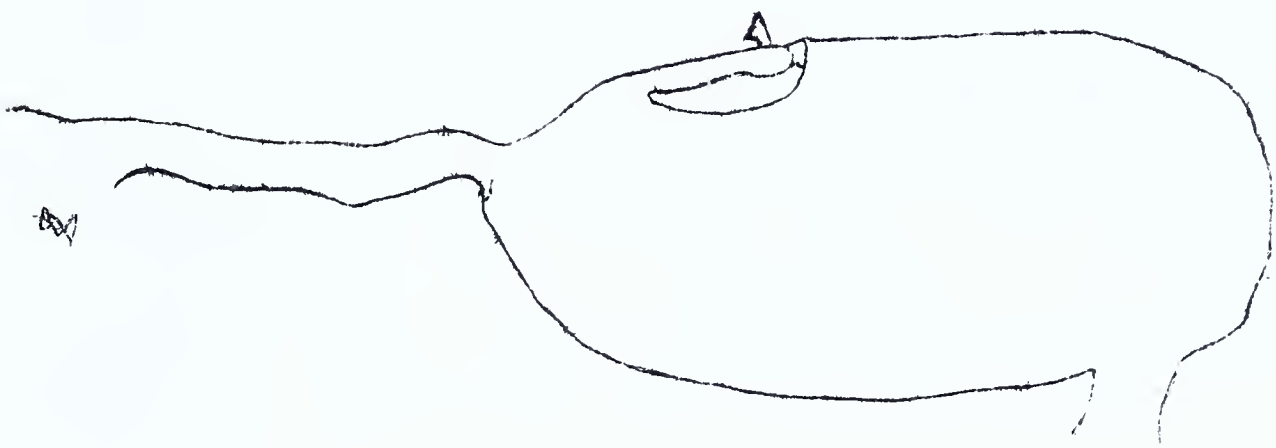
There, Sir, is the exact price of the different kinds of furs left in Detroit.

(no date)

DIAGRAM

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 222B.]*

[no date]



* An incomplete diagram on the back of f. 222.

(no date)

PRICE LIST OF DEER SKINS AND FURS AT PITTSBURGH

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 248, N.]

[no date]

A List of the Prices of Deer Skins & Furrs

Short Hair'd Summer Skins - - - - - - - - - - - -	22d	P pound
Dressd Leather - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3/	Ditto
Parchment -	2/6	Ditto
Beaver -	5/	Ditto
Bear Skins -	5/	P Peice
Otter Skins - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	6/	P Peice
Fisher Or Black Fox Skins - - - - - - - - - - - -	4/	P Piece
Foxes & Cattor Skins - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2[...]	P Ps
Raccoon Skins - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	22d	P Ps
Musk Rattes - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4d	P Ps
Woolf Skins - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2/	P Ps
Panthers -	2/	P Ps
Minks -	18d	Do
Martins -	2/6	Do
Red Fox -	2/6	Do
Elks -	4/	Do

[Endorsed] Prices of Skins & Furrs at Pittsburgh

(no date)

AN APPLICATION TO VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 295A, Df.]

[no date]

Sir

~~As you have done me the honour to take~~ The honour you ~~give~~ I see Given [to me], you was pleased to take of me and your obliging the ~~Notice of me and offer to Spea mention me to~~ to mention me to ~~Say a Word in my favour~~ to General Amherst ~~I flatter myself you will forgive me the application~~ emboldens me to address you in this way.

~~I received sometime~~ I have received a Letter from the D. of P. desiring to know what I could ~~be~~ expect~~ed~~ from ~~Genl Amherst upon~~ Lord Granby's recommandation to Genl Amherst that his Grace might judge what further Steps would ~~should~~ be ~~taken~~ necessary for my Preferrment

As I can not expect ~~to have~~ an oppertunity to get to Head Quarters this Winter, I humbly beg that you would favour me with a Word there to enable me to ~~give~~ enable me to give a satisfactery answer to the Duke.

It is said that there is some expedition going on under your Comand. If true Could I hope the honour of attending you as a volunteer? I wish only for occasions of deserving your Protection & acquiring some Experience.

I am with

[no signature]

(no date)

LORD ADAM GORDON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21645, f. 32, Df.]

[no date]

Lord Adam Gordon's Compliments and best Wishes attend General Bouquet -- inclosed he sends him, a few lines to some W. Florida Men -- and begs leave to assure Genl Bouquet, Lord Adam would have a particular Pleasure, in doing any service to him -- in this, or any Part of the World.

If at any after Period, General Bouquet shall be kind enough, to lett him know, how he does, and what is going on, in the Florida's, It will be giving Ld A. a very sensible Satisfaction.

Sunday afternoon

[no signature]

Brig^{r}: Gen Bouquet.

[Addressed] To Brigad^{r}: General Bouquet.

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